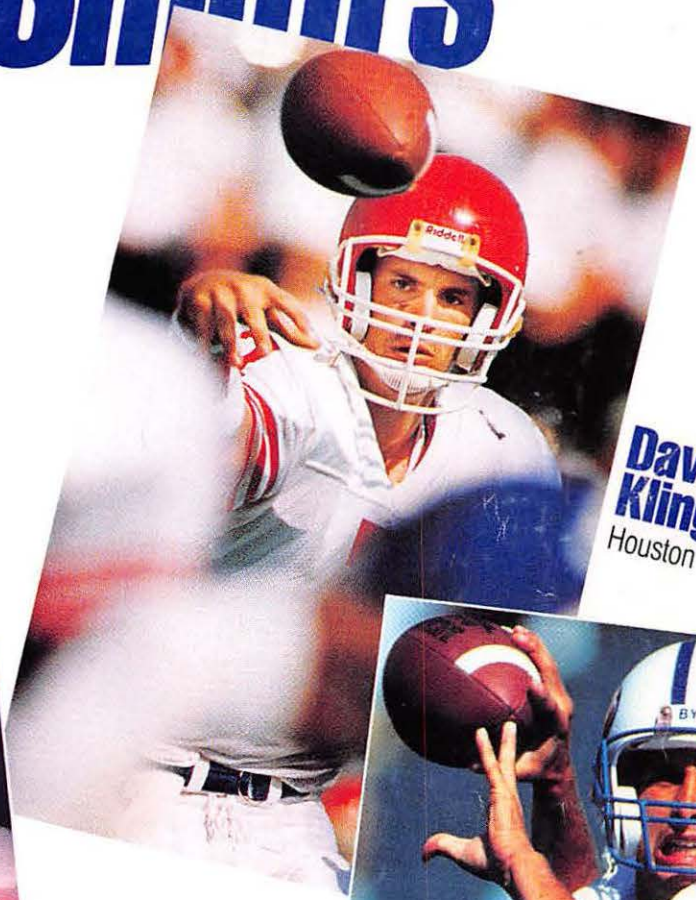
treet & Smith's
ege Football®

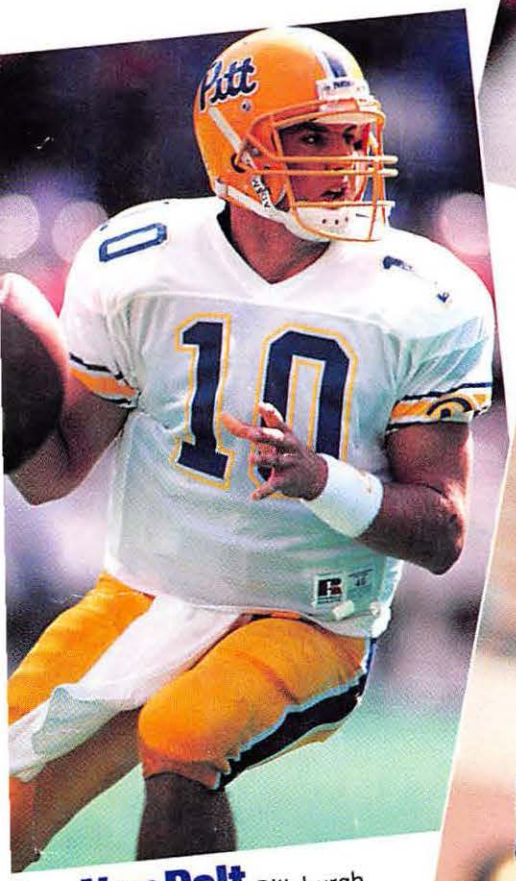
1991 / $3.95

RTERBACK CLASS

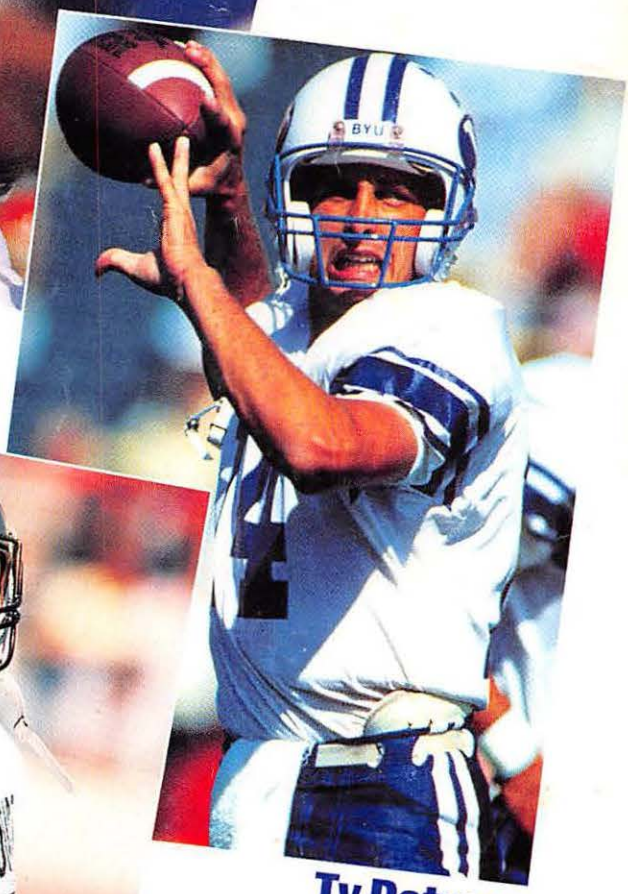
ON TOP:
oma, Air Force,
State, Texas
T RIVALRIES



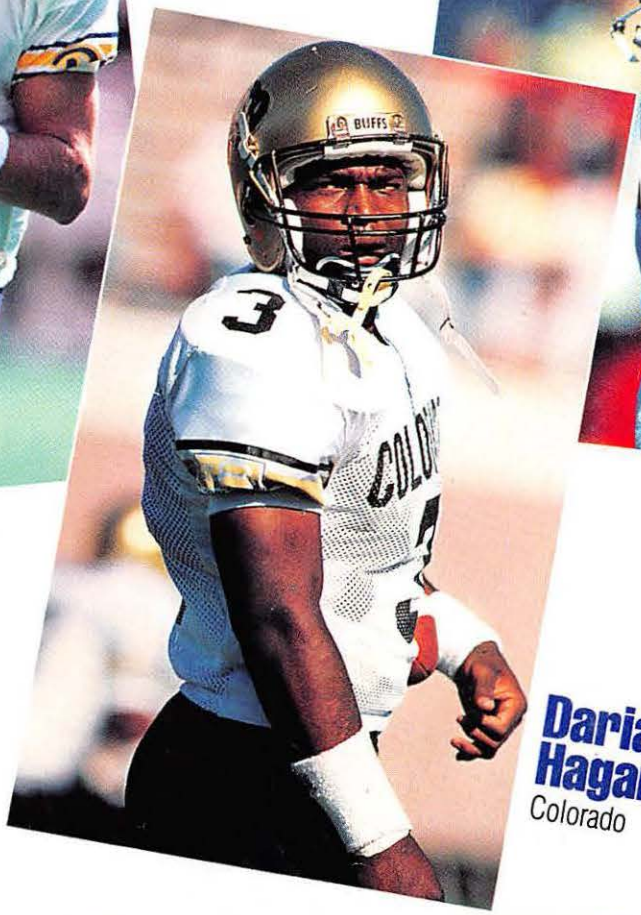
David Klingler
Houston



lex Van Pelt Pittsburgh

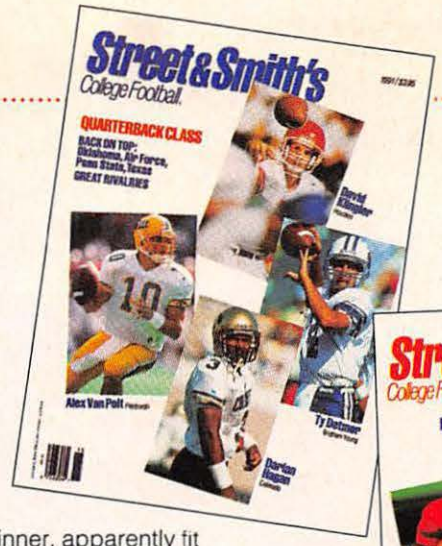


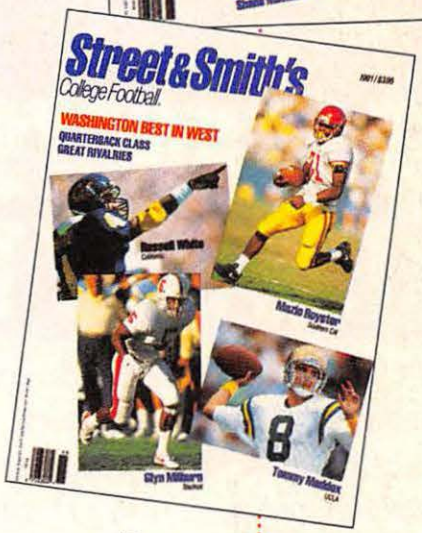
Ty Detmer
Brigham Young

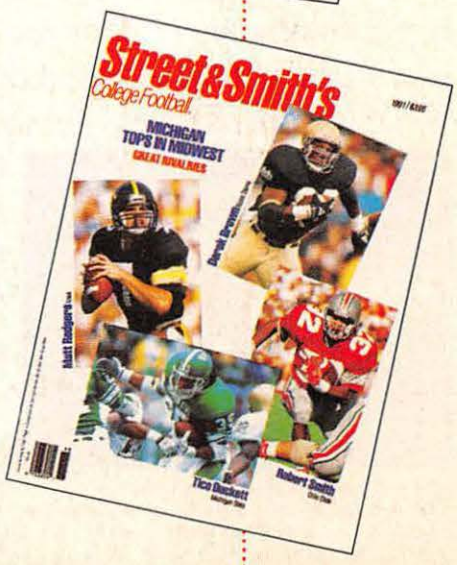


Darian Hagan
Colorado

Letter From the Editor







As another college football season was coming to a conclusion last January 1, we started thinking of candidates for the regional covers of our 1991 edition. Some of the choices were obvious.

Ty Detmer, for sure. The Heisman Trophy winner, apparently fit again following surgery to the shoulder he separated in the Holiday Bowl, would be returning for his senior year at Brigham Young. Darian Hagan hoped to lead Colorado in its defense of the national championship (Associated Press), but his playing status was still questionable after the severe knee injury he sustained in the Orange Bowl. David Klingler led the nation in total offense, accounted for 55 touchdowns, and finished fifth on the Heisman ballot. He remained in school for his senior year at Houston, which was optimistic about its first season off NCAA probation. Alex Van Pelt passed for over 2,000 yards for the second time in as many years at Pittsburgh, which retains all but one 1990 offensive starter.

Five other quarterbacks are among our 16 cover subjects. Shawn Jones led Georgia Tech to an undefeated season and the UPI national title. He shares top billing in the South with fellow junior Shane Matthews, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year who established nine records at Florida, and Tennessee senior Andy Kelly, who finished second to Matthews in SEC passing and ranks just behind Klingler as a pro prospect. Senior Matt Rodgers took Iowa to the Rose Bowl. Like Van Pelt, he threw for over 2,000 yards for the second year in a row and accounted for 24 touchdowns. But the NFL will have to wait for UCLA's precocious Tommy Maddox, who led the Pac-10 in total offense and passing yardage as a freshman.

Glyn Milburn led the nation in all-purpose running. After sitting out a season following his transfer from the University of Oklahoma, the Stanford junior rushed for 729 yards, caught 64 passes for 632 yards, and returned 48 kicks for an additional 861 yards. He was joined on the all-Pac-10 team by California's Russell White, who was seventh in the country in all-purpose yardage—despite not starting a single game. A third junior, Mazio Royster of Southern Cal, is the leading returning rusher in the conference. He was only the third Trojan sophomore ever to gain 1,000 yards.

Tico Duckett is the top returning rusher in the nation. He split tailback duties at Michigan State as a sophomore yet still piled up 1,394 yards. Robert Smith of Ohio State was nearly as impressive, with 1,126 yards as a Big Ten freshman. Siran Stacy, after a year on the sidelines with an injury, is looking to recapture the form that resulted in over 1,000 yards and 17 touchdowns as an Alabama junior. And tight end Derek Brown, second in receptions at Notre Dame to Rocket Ismail (a certain cover subject had he remained in school), returns for his final season at South Bend. The pro scouts can't wait.

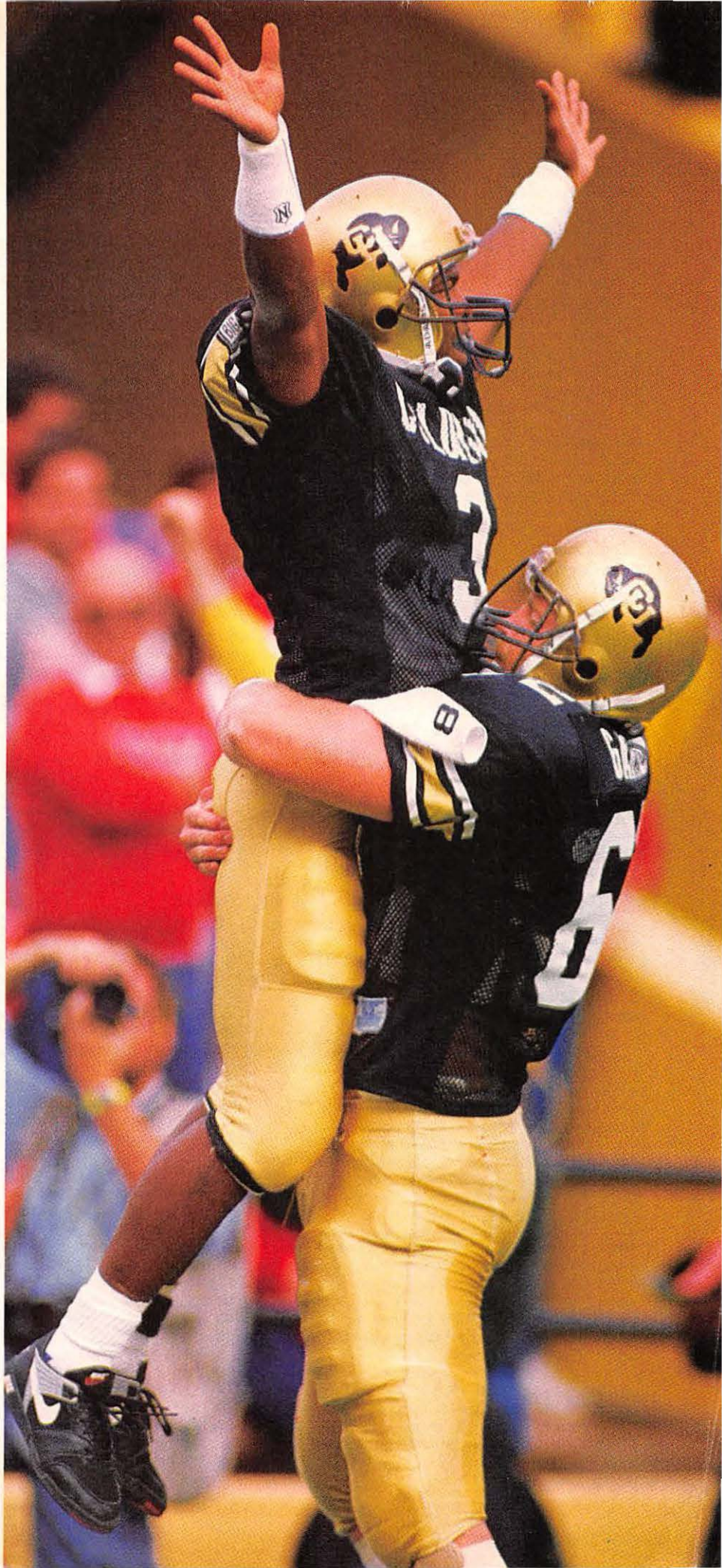
Gerard Kavanagh

Street & Smith's College Football

contents

1 LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
4 LETTERS
6 HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER
8 AWARD WINNERS
10 EXEMPLARY PLAYER OF THE YEAR
12 COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S GREAT RIVALRIES
by Malcolm Moran, New York Times
19 NCAA FINAL I-A STATISTICS
22 QUARTERBACK CLASS
by Larry Felser, Buffalo News
28 1990 All-AMERICAS
30 HEISMAN TROPHY CANDIDATES
32 STREET & SMITH'S ALL-AMERICA TEAM
35 HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICA TEAM
by Doug Huff, Wheeling Intelligencer
42 THE CREAM OF THE COLLEGE FROSH
by Doug Huff
44 TOP 25 NATIONAL PREVIEW
46 DIVISION I-AA PREVIEW
by David Newton, The (Columbia) State
51 NCAA FINAL I-AA STATISTICS
54 1990 FINAL RECORDS
56 POSTSEASON RECAP
57 1991 NCAA SCHEDULES
66 INDEX
67 MIDWEST by Bob Markus, Chicago Tribune
Stan Sutton, Louisville Courier-Journal
81 WEST by Dwight Chapin, San Francisco Examiner
90 ROCKIES
by Lee Benson, Salt Lake City Deseret News
96 SOUTH by Randy Mell, Fort Lauderdale News
Larry Woody, The Tennessean
106 EAST
by Mickey Furfari, Thomson Newspapers
Ed Bouchette, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Jerry Radding, Springfield Union
118 SOUTHWEST by Ivy McLemore, Houston Post
Chuck Pickard
128 BIG EIGHT by Bill Connors, Tulsa World
137 ATLANTIC COAST
by Bob Spear, The (Columbia) State
Don Corbett, Greensboro News & Record
150 DIVISION II PREVIEW by Gregg Dewalt
153 DIVISION III PREVIEW
by Pete Zapadka,
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

July 1991 **52** *nd year*



Al Kooistra

Letters

Baseball Business

Currently there is a phenomenon occuring at North American sporting events which I feel is cheating the fan. I am referring to the practice of playing taped popular music during warm-ups and breaks in the action. What is the purpose of this?

The endless playing of songs numbs the sports fan's thoughts, and I'm sure even gets noticed by the players. It seems that the franchises are creating a party atmosphere for no reason at all. Bring back the organist and leave it at that.

D.M., Toronto, Ontario

I just bought the 1991 Baseball edition. It's another fine job and I buy no other magazines to update myself on my favorite sport. However, I noticed in the "Class of 1991" article a picture of third baseman Edgar Martinez of the Seattle Mariners. The caption above his picture said "Tino Martinez," who is a first-base candidate for the M's and one of the major players in that particular article.

MARK FIFE, Fircrest, WA

Our apologies to Edgar Martinez, who was misidentified.

The ruling to keep Pete Rose from his much-deserved place in Hall of Fame history was absolutely ludicrous. And combined with the timing of now not allowing "banned" players in the Hall, it obviously proves that this was more of a personal vendetta against Pete Rose himself. Gambling is a very serious disease, and Pete Rose has paid his dues. If Babe Ruth were playing today, he'd be labeled an alcoholic with an eating disorder! Charlie Hustle played baseball with an exuberance that is sorely missed in today's game. Besides being baseball's all-time hits leader, he was a winner everywhere he played. Keeping this man from his just dues would be the biggest injustice of all.

JAY VILLERS, Nashville, TN

Cover Subjects

Could you please send me a complete list of all the covers of your Baseball and College Football issues? I really want to know the identity of the player on the 1942 Baseball cover, and is that a Duke player on the cover of the 1962 College Football issue? I have enclosed a stamped, return-address envelope.

PHIL SAXON JR., Wilmington, DE

Pitcher Howie Pollet of the St. Louis Cardinals appeared on the cover of the 1942 Baseball and, yes, that is Jay Wilkinson of Duke University on the 1962 College Football cover.

In your 1990 College Football edition I read with great interest your response to two letters regarding regional covers for your magazines. I have been an avid purchaser of your magazines since 1967 and request the list of all cover subjects for both the baseball and college football editions.

Being a fan of the University of Florida, I was disappointed that the 1968 cover of Larry Smith and the more recent covers of Kerwin Bell and Emmitt Smith did not make the cover of your 50th anniversary issue. But the photo of Steve Spurrier on page 64 was tremendous. Your book is always super. However, your outdid yourselves on the baseball and college football anniversary issues. Thanks for many years of enjoyment.

HAROLD HYMAN, Sunrise, FL

I have been reading all your magazines for years. They are great—keep up the good work. I am trying to obtain a list of all your various covers, as I have over 400 different copies of all your *Street & Smith's* books and I'm sure I am still missing a few.

LONNIE TAYLOR, Park Hills, KY

For a complete list of past cover subjects, send a postage-paid return envelope.

Basketball

I was really impressed with your College and Pro Basketball coverage this year, but I feel your magazine would be even better if you had a little more high school coverage. High school teams are the building blocks; when good players and good teams come together, it can be very exciting. I realize that it is very hard to cover high school sports but every little bit helps.

BRYCE CLICKNER, Florissant, MO

I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoy both your Basketball and Baseball annuals. I have been buying your Baseball edition for the past 17 years. I love your articles, stats, and action photos. I have just, in the last two years, started getting the Pro Basketball and look forward to receiving it for years to come.

BRIAN J. HICKS, Cicero, IN

College Football

Last summer, as I have for the past 18 years, I purchased your College Football issue. Although I enjoyed it, as expected, I was disappointed to find that some of the features that I have most enjoyed in the past were missing. As a graduate of a small college (Mansfield), I was sad to see that you eliminated your small-college coverage, as well as the statistics from the previous season. Those particular features distinguished *Street & Smith's* from other publications. I realize the 1990 edition was unusual due to the emphasis given to your 50th anniversary, but I urge you to restore those features.

Incidentally, I did enjoy your 50-year All-America team. I especially wish to express my pleasure at your recognition of Alex Karras. I only wish that your colleagues in the pro football press would follow your example by voting Karras into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was a great player who deserves to be recognized, despite the year-long gambling suspension (after all, Paul Hornung has already been inducted).

GREG NARVID, Newport News, VA

To accommodate all the historical features in the 1990 College Football, we had to eliminate some of our regular features. But this year's edition includes last season's highlights and statistics as well as more expanded national previews of Divisions II and III.

I have been a regular reader of *Street & Smith's* for about 15 years and must say that your coverage of every major sport is pretty accurate for talent. However, after reading the 1990 *College Football* anniversary issue, I was puzzled as to why a great running back was left off your Dream Team.

I am a long-time USC fanatic and I noticed that Charles White was not included in your list. He not only won a Heisman Trophy, he ended his career as USC's all-time leading rusher (6,245 yards, including bowl games). He also averaged more yards per carry (5.44) than O.J. Simpson, Marcus Allen, Mike Garrett, and Ricky Bell. As of today, Charles White is second only to Tony Dorsett (your second-team Dream Team) in rushing yards in a college career. How could he not be one of your top 40 running backs?

NEVIN A. SMITH, Fort Worth, TX

I was deeply disappointed upon my initial perusal of the 1990 edition of *Street & Smith's College Football*. As an NFLPA certified agent, I depend on your magazine to assist me in establishing an early potential client base among each year's college seniors. Although I have many other sources in which to assimilate this information, I have always looked forward to purchasing your informative publication. In the past, your publication has covered many teams and conferences that no other newsstand periodical would research. Almost one half of the 1990 edition was devoted to the past 50 years, to the exclusion of these other deserving teams.

If I had glanced through your magazine before I purchased it, you would have lost a sale as well as a loyal reader. I guess *Street & Smith's* is falling into the same inflationary modus as other products: you have to pay more and you get less. Next year I'll give your magazine a good look at the newsstand before I spend my money.

STEVEN M. LEE, Sacramento, CA

I enjoyed your anniversary issue of College Football. The articles on the various teams brought back a lot of memories—both pleasant and unpleasant. I'm writing to ask this time if Prairie View intends to field a football team this fall. When it dropped football just before last season started it said it was for a temporary period. I read last month that West Texas State has terminated its football program.

TOM GREEN, Dundee, FL

After a year's hiatus, Prairie View will compete in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

You're Welcome

I have received the magazines you have sent me. I would like to let you know how much we appreciate them. It's nice to know all of us here in Saudi Arabia are supported back home by everyone. Again, my friends and I can't thank you enough.

GARY SEIFRIG, JR.,
Operation Desert Storm,
Saudi Arabia

Correspondence should be addressed to
The Editor, Street & Smith's
304 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017

Street & Smith's
College Football

GERARD KAVANAGH
Editor
HERBERT S. STOLTZ
Art Director
CHRISTOPHER BURKAT
Assistant Editor
JONATHAN PILLET
Assistant Art Director
ANGELO KALOGIANNIS
Advertising Director
BERNARD FIELD
Tobacco/Liquor Manager

SAL M. SCHILIRO *Publisher*

ADVERTISING OFFICES
NEW YORK
The Condé Nast Publications Inc.
304 East 45th Street
New York, NY 10017 212-880-8698
Jerry Magit, Peter Budd
Gerald Magit & Associates
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 507
New York, NY 10017 212-687-9650
ATLANTA
Dennis Dougherty, Mike Little
The Condé Nast Publications Inc., Suite 1035
115 Perimeter Center Place
Atlanta, GA 30346 404-399-9200
CHICAGO
Joe Guenther, Peter Guenther, Jim Copetas
The Guenther Company Inc.
43 E. Ohio, Suite 830
Chicago, IL 60611 312-670-6800
LOS ANGELES
Frank LoVerme, Molly Ballentine
Frank LoVerme & Associates
3518 Cahuenga Blvd. West #308
Los Angeles, CA 90068 213-969-4360
BOSTON
Jim Dingee, Northeast Media Sales
8 Faneuil Hall Marketplace
Boston, MA 02109 617-227-0088

Street & Smith's ***BASEBALL***
On sale March 5, 1991

Street & Smith's ***PRO FOOTBALL***
On sale July 2, 1991

Street & Smith's ***COLLEGE FOOTBALL***
On sale July 23, 1991

Street & Smith's ***PRO BASKETBALL***
On sale September 24, 1991

Street & Smith's ***COLLEGE/PREP BASKETBALL***
On sale October 22, 1991

STREET & SMITH'S IS A REGISTERED TRADEMARK OF ADVANCE MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS INC., PUBLISHED THROUGH ITS DIVISION, THE CONDÉ NAST PUBLICATIONS INC.

Copyright © 1991 by the Condé Nast Publications Inc. All rights reserved. Printed in the United States of America.

Street & Smith's Sports Group is published by the Condé Nast Publications Inc. five times each year: Baseball in March, Pro Football in July, College Football in July, Pro Basketball in September, College Basketball in October. Editorial offices for Street & Smith's Sports Group: 304 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017. Executive and publishing offices: 350 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017. S.I. Newhouse Jr., Chairman; Bernard H. Leser, President; Eric C. Anderson, Vice President-Treasurer; Pamela van Zandt, Vice President-Secretary. Single copies: in U.S. and possessions, $3.95, in Canada, $4.50. We cannot accept responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts or artwork. Any material submitted must include return postage.

Member of the Audit Bureau of Circulation

Why Nikon no-focus binoculars are the only ones to look into.

YOU NEVER HAVE TO FOCUS ON ACTION AT A DISTANCE.

UNLIKE OTHER NO-FOCUS BINOCULARS, YOU CAN USE THEM TO VIEW SUBJECTS AT CLOSE DISTANCES.

NIKON'S EXCLUSIVE FOCUS LOCK LETS YOU PREFOCUS AND LOCK IN ANY DISTANCE.

Nikon's StayFocus Plus™ Series is the epitome of versatility. No other binoculars offer such a range of performance in such a comfortable price range.

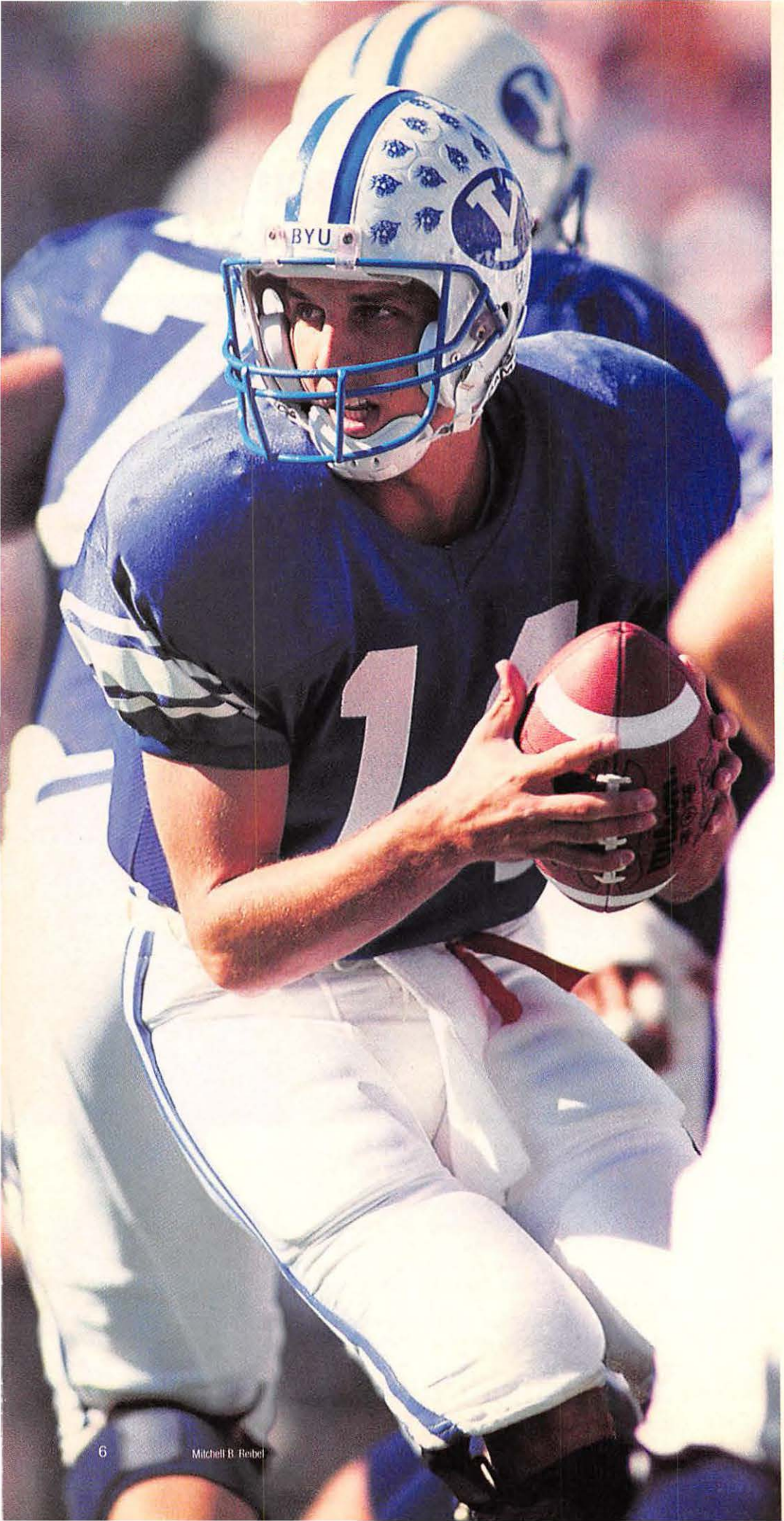
StayFocus Plus has Nikon's legendary multi-coated optics which provide ultra crisp, clear images. And, right eyepiece diopter adjustments for optimum viewing comfort. They also come in your choice of 7x35, 7x50 or 10x50 models, backed by Nikon's limited 25-year warranty.

All of which makes StayFocus Plus the only no-focus binoculars to set your sights on.

StayFocus Plus™ Series

Nikon®
SPORT OPTICS
You'll never see things quite the same again.

For more information, write: Nikon Inc., Dept. N26, 19601 Hamilton Ave., Torrance, CA 90502-1309. ©1991 Nikon Inc.



Mitchell B. Reibel

1990 Heisman Trophy Winner

Ty Detmer

of Brigham Young University won the 56th Heisman Trophy. He is the first player from his school—the first from the Mountain time zone—and the third straight junior to be so honored. But unlike the two previous winners, Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State and Andre Ware of Houston, who renounced their final season of eligibility to enter the National Football League, Detmer is returning for his senior year. Thus he could become the first two-time Heisman recipient since Ohio State's Archie Griffin in 1974–75.

BYU has produced a number of gifted quarterbacks, including Gifford Nielsen, Jim McMahon, Steve Young, Marc Wilson, and Robbie Bosco, but the 6-0, 175-pound Detmer surpassed all of them with his accomplishments. As a sophomore, he led the nation in passing efficiency. Last season, he completed 361 of 562 attempts for 41 touchdowns and an NCAA record 5,188 yards in leading the Cougars to a 10-2 mark and a berth in the Holiday Bowl.

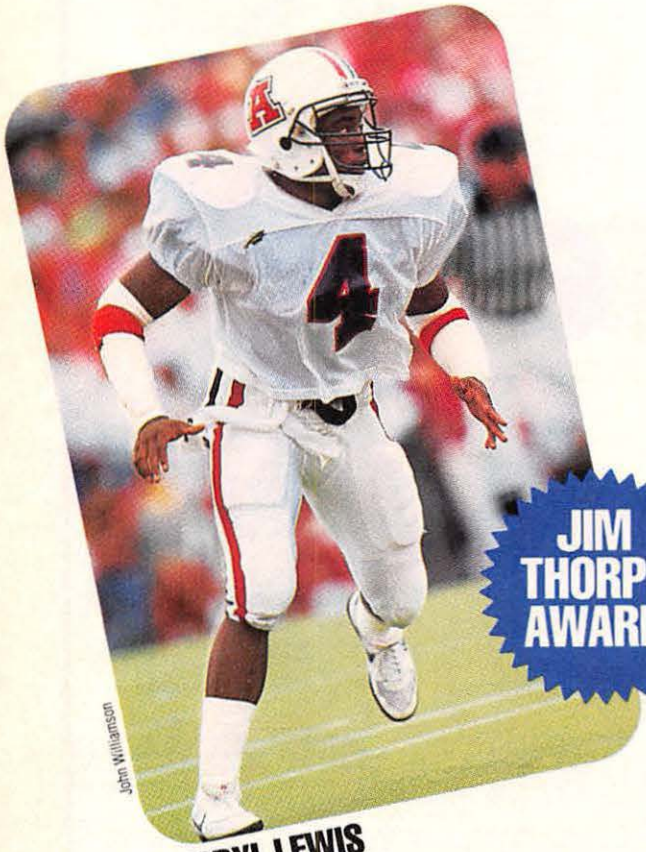
Raghib Ismail, Notre Dame's electrifying junior tailback and kick returner, gained 1,726 all-purpose yards and finished second in the balloting.

HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

player, school (first-place votes)	*points*
Ty Detmer, Brigham Young (316)	*1,482*
Raghib Ismail, Notre Dame (237)	*1,177*
Eric Bieniemy, Colorado (114)	*798*
Shawn Moore, Virginia (46)	*465*
David Klingler, Houston (7)	*125*
Herman Moore, Virginia (6)	*68*
Greg Lewis, Washington (4)	*41*
Craig Erickson, Miami	*31*
Darren Lewis, Texas A&M	*31*
Mike Mayweather, Army (3)	*20*

Award Winners

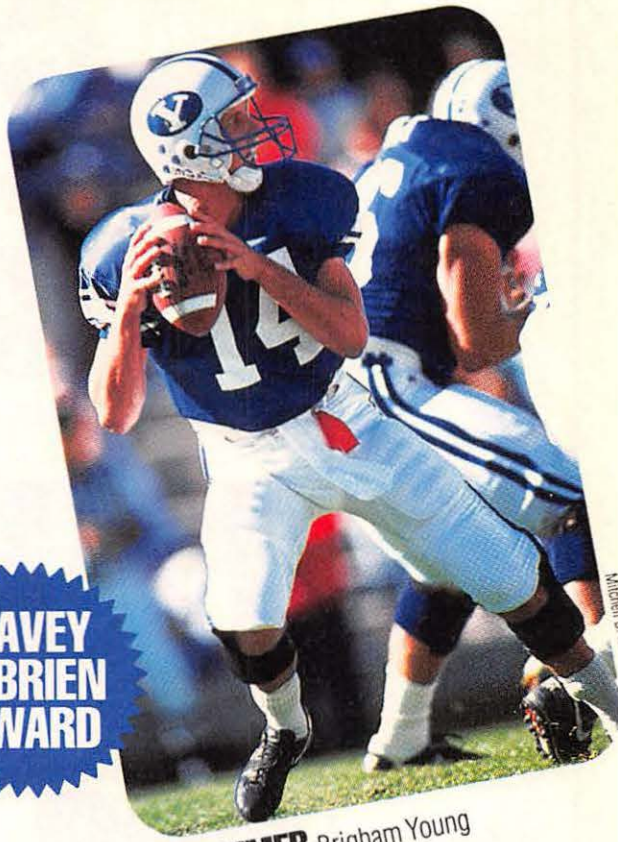
Brightest Stars of 1990



John Williamson

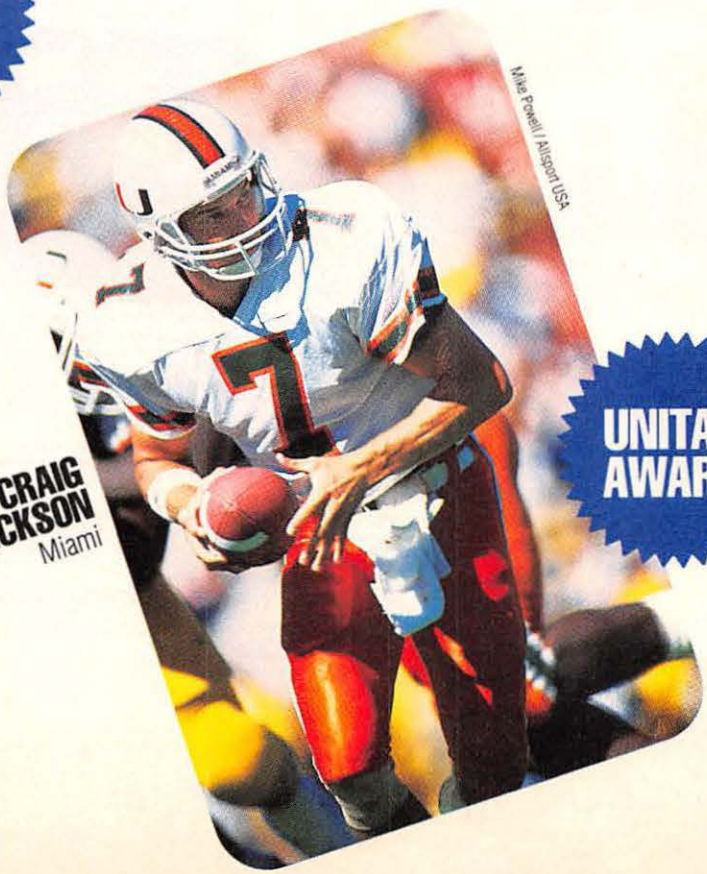
JIM THORPE AWARD

DARRYL LEWIS
Arizona



DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD

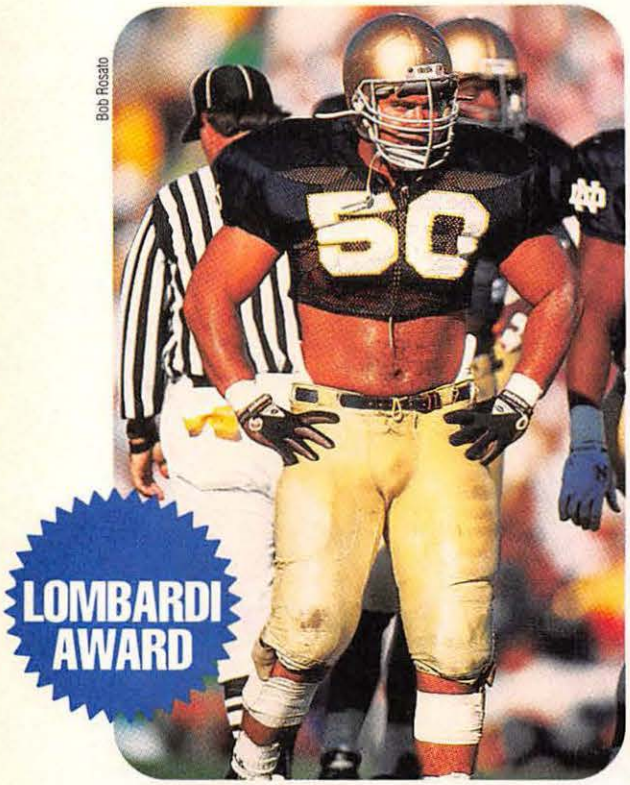
TY DETMER Brigham Young



Mike Powell / Allsport USA

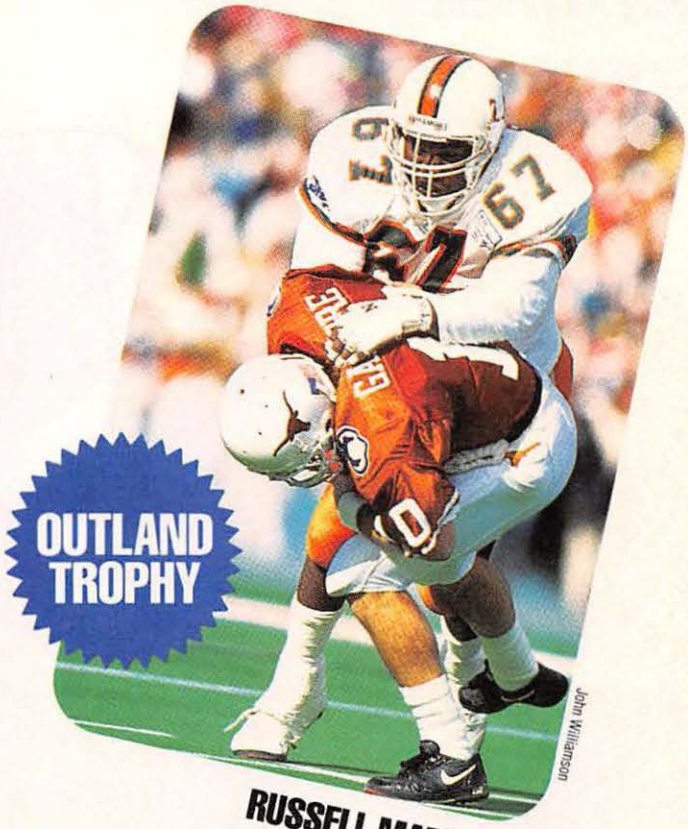
UNITAS AWARD

CRAIG ERICKSON
Miami



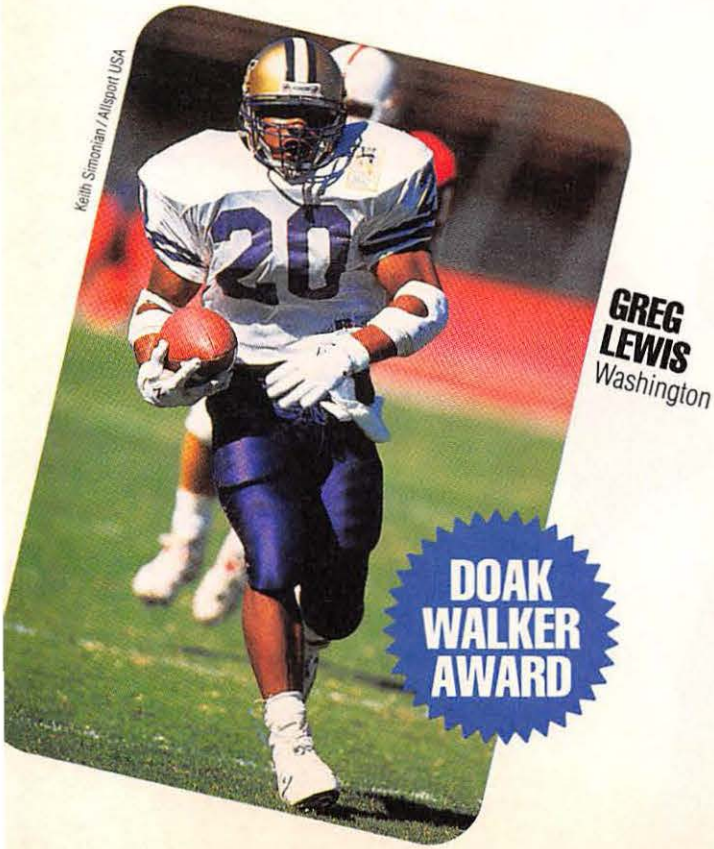
Bob Rosato

CHRIS ZORICH Notre Dame



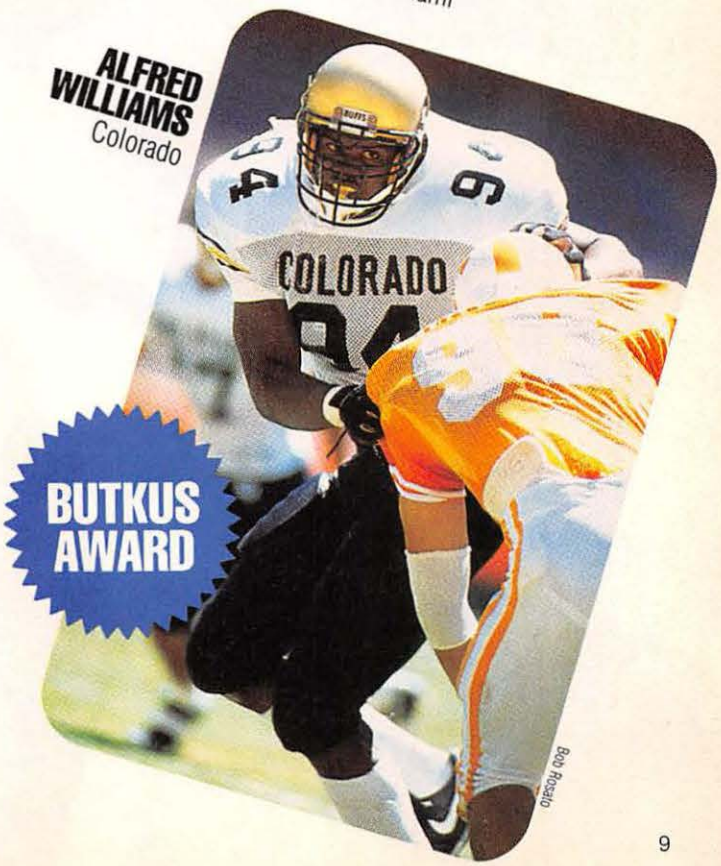
John Williamson

RUSSELL MARYLAND
Miami



Keith Simonian / Allsport USA

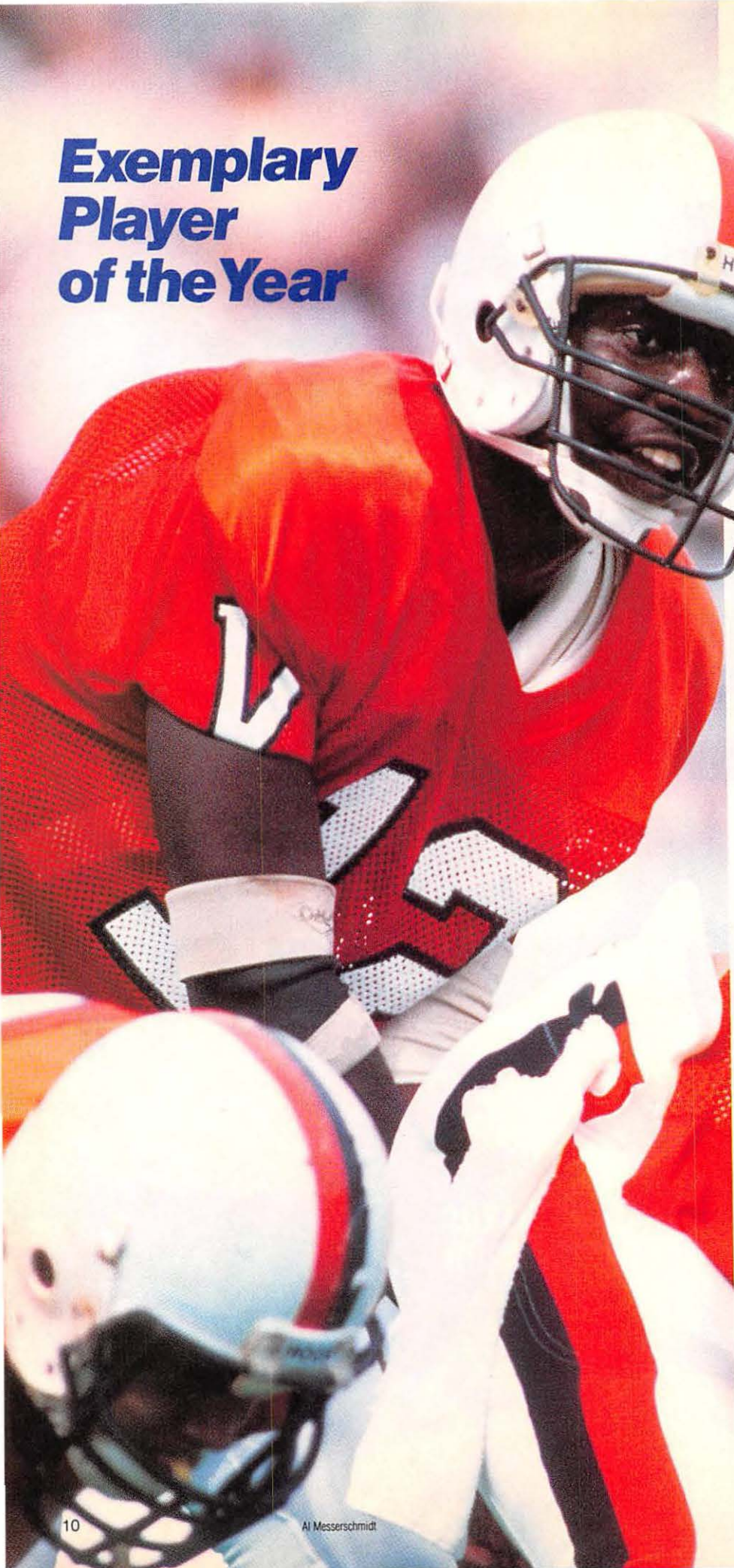
GREG LEWIS
Washington



ALFRED WILLIAMS
Colorado

Bob Rosato

Exemplary Player of the Year



Al Messerschmidt

Shawn Moore

Street & Smith's, in association with the Downtown Athletic Club, presented the University of Virginia quarterback Shawn Moore with its third annual Exemplary College Football Player of the Year Award.

Moore brought the national spotlight to shine on Charlottesville. Prior to his arrival, Virginia had never played in a New Year's Day bowl game and had never placed higher than No. 9 in the polls. He directed the Cavaliers to 23 victories in his last 27 regular-season starts, to the Florida Citrus Bowl in 1990 and the Sugar Bowl in '91. For three straight weeks last fall, Virginia was the top-ranked team in the country.

Moore capped a remarkable career by leading the nation in passing efficiency a year ago, throwing for 2,262 yards and 21 touchdowns with just eight interceptions. He broke Doug Flutie's NCAA record with an average of 15.75 yards per completion and averaged one touchdown every 11 plays. He was named first-team All-America by both the Football Writers and the Football Coaches Associations, the first Atlantic Coast Conference quarterback since North Carolina State's Roman Gabriel in 1961 to win that honor.

Heaving earned his degree in psychology last summer, Moore competed in the fall while pursuing graduate studies in counseling education. In addition, he participated in "Hero," a community program. "The athletes would go into the elementary schools and sit with the kids in class," said Moore. "We'd shoot the breeze, take them out for recess, and help them with their schoolwork. It's like being a role model right there in class."

Also honored in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of *Street & Smith's College Football* were Jim Brown, Tommy McDonald, Darrell Royal, Jim Plunkett, and Randy Vataha.

College Football's Great Rivalries

Financial demands have led to the disappearance of some memorable and traditional games

by MALCOLM MORAN
NEW YORK TIMES

Penn State and Pittsburgh will soon begin a trial separation. Miami and Notre Dame announced a semi-amicable divorce. Texas and Arkansas will head down different paths after an emotional meeting, perhaps for the last time in a long time, in Little Rock on October 19. Boston College and Holy Cross have already split. Fordham and Pittsburgh went in different directions decades ago, not so long after there was so much ado about nothing to nothing.

As the financial demands of the marketplace lead colleges to choose new dance partners, replacing long associations with new conference loyalties, one of the first signs of change will be the disappearance of some long and memorable rivalries. Football, more than any other sport, has thrived as a result of the anticipation over the one-time meeting between disliked neighbors, adjacent states, or championship contenders. It has almost always been that way.

If Keith Jackson and television technology had been present when Princeton and Rutgers began all this business in 1869, it is reasonable to assume he would have pointed out, soon after the first big hit, that these were *two teams that don't like each other.*

When Yale was constructing the model from which so much of the game was built, it was no coincidence that the Yale Bowl, the giant saucer scooped out of Connecticut earth, was completed in time for the Harvard game in 1914. T.A.D. Jones, the Yale coach not long after, may have defined the proper attitude for such an occasion when he addressed another Yale team with these words: "Gentlemen, you are about to play Harvard. Never in your life will you do anything so important."

For several special hours each season, often some time close to Thanksgiving, perspective is flung aside in the pursuit of a territorial advantage that can last, roughly, the next 51 weeks, or of a championship that will endure forever. At the end of the 1968 season, 41 years after T.A.D. Jones's final year at Yale, his words could have been applied to another group of Bulldogs. That Yale team, with no time left on the scoreboard clock at ancient Harvard Stadium, allowed the last fragment of a 16-point lead and a perfect season get away in the 29–29 "loss" to Harvard that created a tie for the Ivy championship.

On those special occasions, when the business of the real world seems to grind to a halt temporarily, a sense of perspective may be as rare as a hotel room in the college town the night before the big game. In 1944, after Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis had each scored a touchdown to give Army a 23–7 victory over Navy at Baltimore on the way to its first national championship, Earl (Red) Blaik, the Army coach, received a telegram:

THE GREATEST OF ALL
ARMY TEAMS STOP
WE HAVE STOPPED THE WAR
TO CELEBRATE YOUR MAGNIFICENT
SUCCESS STOP MACARTHUR

After the end of an Army-Navy game in the 1960s, during the confusion on the grass field at Philadelphia, Bill Belichick, now the coach of the Cleveland Browns but then the young son of long-time Navy assistant Steve Belichick, found a piece of paper and stuffed it in his pocket. It was not until later that the father discovered the significance of what the boy had stumbled upon: the plans of an Army coach. And it was not until the following season that the Army staff knew, when Steve Belichick casually tossed some Army terminology into a conversation with acquaintances on the Army staff, and panic set in at West Point.

Navy does that to Army people, but the armed services are not alone. Bear Bryant's 315th victory in 1981, which passed Amos Alonzo Stagg's total of 314 as the most of any major-college coach, was made that much more meaningful because it came in the emotional cauldron of Legion Field in Birmingham, over the Auburn Tigers. Two seasons ago, when an Alabama team finally had to come to Auburn's Jordan-Hare Stadium, the appearance was interpreted by Auburn fans as a long-awaited symbol of equality in what they had felt had been an unequal rivalry. And when Alabama's undefeated season was wrecked, that frenzied December Saturday

Joe Paterno

Army's Doc Blanchard (#35) and Glenn Davis (#41) with their coach, Red Blaik, in 1946; Clinton Jones breaks a tackle in Michigan State's victory over Michigan in 1965.

became a perfect moment for Tiger faithful. Bill Curry, then the Alabama coach, solemnly placed his team's defeat, and the lost chance of a national championship, within the framework of the future. If today's disappointment could help his players deal with some future setback, something truly significant, then Curry felt that a football game would have some worth in the lives of the young people.

Curry departed quietly, the winning coach came in, and Auburn's Pat Dye compared the looks on the faces of the Auburn fans before the Tiger victory to those he had seen on television several weeks before, when the Berlin Wall began to tumble down. (East Germany vs. West Germany being another rivalry that was ended by a revised conference affiliation.) Toomer's Corner would never be the same. Late that night, as car horns blared, as white toilet paper seemed to grow from trees and people everywhere screamed "War-r-r-r-r Eagle," a group of Auburn students stood on a corner, took in the scene, and suddenly shouted: "LIVE, FROM AUBURN: IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT!"

The problem that followers must face now is the realization that more than ever, emotional ties bound by decades of tradition have become far less significant than the laws of commerce and the need to stay in business. The danger is that the sense of emotion, which separates the colleges from the professionals, is being forgotten in conference room discussions of ratings points and market shares.

"It's difficult to define what is a traditional game," said Joe Paterno, the Penn State coach, whose program will begin to form new ties when it begins Big Ten play in 1993. "Now, with television, games that have an intense rivalry become traditional."

Paterno began to list the examples of games that Penn State fans have eagerly anticipated. The brief rivalry with Nebraska, spiced by controversial calls by officials, is over. Alabama is off the Nittany Lion schedule. Penn State-Notre Dame, a game that has become an annual November occasion that cost the Fighting Irish a chance for a national championship last season, will end soon.

"To me a big game is when there's something at stake," Paterno said. "Whether it's a national championship, whether it's beating a program that has been on top, like Notre Dame or Southern California. And the Pitt-Penn State game has had those implications."

If a football team can contribute to the memories of a college experience, the big game provides some of the sharpest definitions. The backdrop can hold bundled masses in the east and north or short-sleeved fans in the south and west. In an era that defines its moments on the front of T-shirts, the occasions have ranged from the 1980 "Probation Bowl" between USC and UCLA to the recent "Catholics vs. Convicts," inspired by the tension between Notre Dame and Miami.

The setting can be as intimate as Bethlehem, PA, where Lafayette and Lehigh will meet for the 127th time this season, or as massive as the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, a short walk from the Southern Cal campus, where the statue of Tommy Trojan will be carefully wrapped and protected from any hint of blue and yellow paint from the UCLA campus in Westwood. When the intensity of a rivalry is combined with the stakes of a league championship, the result can be a moment that defines an era, large or small.

O.J. Simpson built his total of 3,423 yards with dramatic bursts at USC, but none more memorable than his 64-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown in the 1967 UCLA game, an audible—23 blast—that began to the left and developed on a diagonal line to the right through the Bruin defenders, on the way to a one-point victory and an eventual national title.

For the people in the painted faces, and those attached to televisions or radios, the moments live forever:

A year after World War II, Notre Dame students sent postcards to Red Blaik at West Point that were signed SPATNC—Society for the Prevention of Army's Third National Championship. A game scheduled for November 9 at Yankee Stadium was sold out in June. And when Doc Blanchard broke into the clear in a scoreless game, with only Johnny Lujack in a position to make a tackle, a packed house in The Bronx waited. Lujack made the tackle, and the tie was preserved.

More than 40 years later, on a perfect South Bend Saturday, a game that was once a Notre Dame excuse to visit south Florida in November became a focal point to a season. Helped by a controversial decision by the officials, Notre Dame beat Miami, 31–30, when Pat Terrell knocked down Steve Walsh's two-point conversion pass in the corner of the end zone with 45 seconds to play.

In 1959, on Halloween night at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, Billy Cannon returned a punt 89 yards to give Louisiana State, the defending national champion, a 7–3 victory over Mississippi.

In one of the very few games of the century to live up to the name, Johnny Rodgers returned a punt 72 yards for a touchdown, and Jeff Kinney scored his fourth touchdown of the game with 1:38 to play, to give Nebraska its 35–31 victory over Oklahoma at Norman on Thanksgiving Day in 1971.

Clemson's game against South Carolina was once preserved by the General Assembly of South Carolina. Now the Tigers and Gamecocks usually face each other in the final game of the season. But when the game was played on Big Thursday (the third Thursday in October as a featured attraction at the state fair in Columbia), the stakes were often high and the outcomes surprising. In 1950 Clemson entered the game without having allowed a point, but came away with a 14–14 tie.

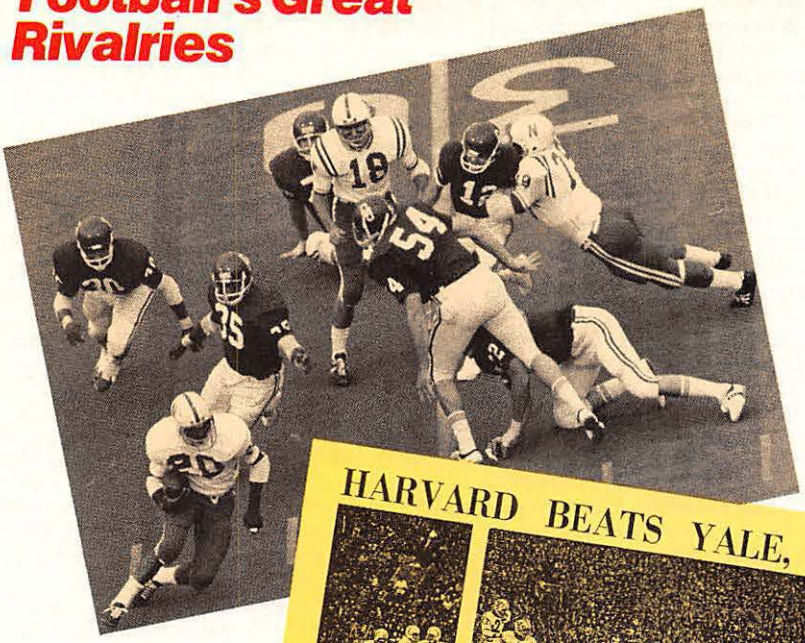
Meaningful games do not require decades of tailgating. In 1973, one year after Cal State Fullerton began playing Long Beach State, the Titans overcame a 15-year head start to defeat the more established Long Beach program, 17–14.

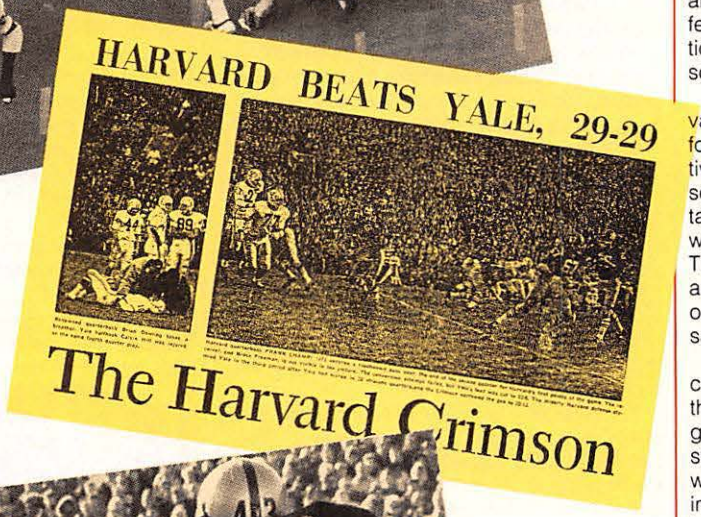
The business of rivalries has become more complex as scholarship limitations have created a national balance among powers. Ne-

continued

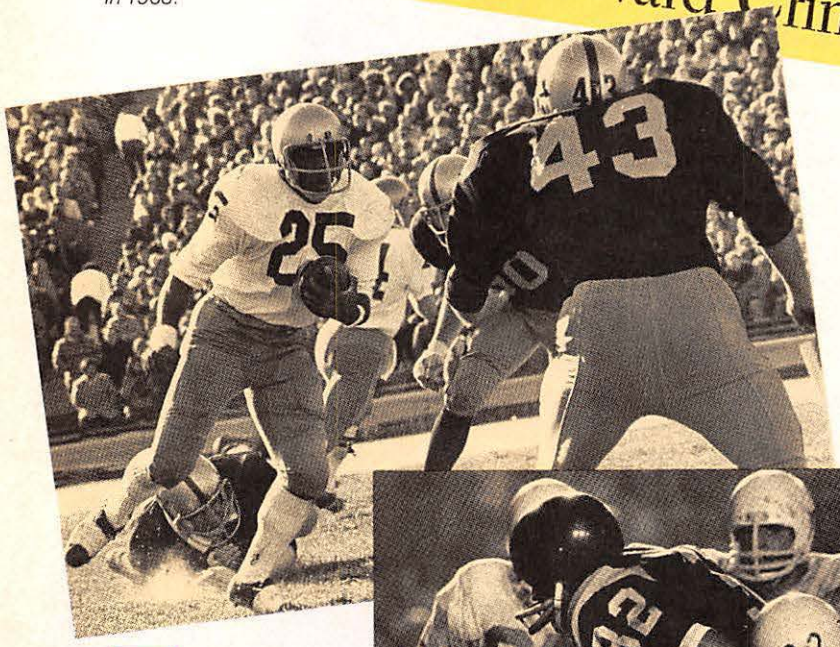
Bear Bryant

College Football's Great Rivalries





Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers returned a punt for a touchdown against Oklahoma in 1971; the headline says it all about Harvard's rally in 1968.



Navy's Cleveland Cooper (#25) looks for running room in 51-0 victory over Army in 1973; Southern Cal's O.J. Simpson won the Heisman Trophy in 1968, with his most satisfying performances against rival UCLA.

braska fans have grown accustomed to late-season confrontations with Oklahoma since the Cornhuskers became a factor in the 1960s, but losses to Colorado in the past two seasons have defined Nebraska's seasons.

Michigan State's games with Notre Dame have included the controversial 10–10 tie in 1966, but would anyone in East Lansing trade a victory over Notre Dame for one against Michigan? Michigan's championship hopes last year were ended by a blown call and a last-second loss to Michigan State, but the Wolverines' meetings with Ohio State have often been more important and the memories longer lasting.

Texas A&M and Houston have often played the same day as Texas and Oklahoma have met in Dallas. Five years after Houston began playing a major-college schedule, the Cougars defeated an A&M team coached by Bryant to prevent the Aggies from building a perfect record. But the Aggies have more traditional business waiting at the end of their season, when the Texas Longhorns are waiting.

And while Yale has always pointed to Harvard, Princeton pointed to Yale one week before. Princeton had beaten Yale six consecutive times going into the 1953 game, the season that Homer Smith was the Princeton captain. Charlie Caldwell, the Princeton coach, won 70 of 103 games in his 12 years with the Tigers, but the priority was clear. "I played for a coach who believed a team could get up only once a season," Smith remembered. "He saved everything for Yale."

Emotionally and strategically, the Tigers conducted an annual ambush of a Yale team that was facing the responsibility of a Harvard game the following week. But Smith's understanding of the after-effects of a rivalry began with the second-half kickoff of the Yale game in his senior season. His fumble led to a Yale touchdown, which led to a 26–24 loss at home and a memory that remains fresh.

It is possible that no one in America has had such an intimate view of more rivalries than Homer Smith. He has served on the staff at Stanford, which meets California in The Big Game. He was an essential part of the Alabama offensive scheme when the Crimson Tide made their historic, and unsuccessful, trip to Auburn. Smith is now at UCLA, which presents its sun-splashed meeting with USC in contrast to the snow and cold in State College, PA, and Ann Arbor, and Columbus, and Philadelphia, where Army and Navy celebrated a 100th anniversary last December.

Homer Smith also understands about Army and Navy, a game that can stop a war and cost a coach his job. Smith's Army teams lost four of five games to Navy, including a 28–0 defeat at crumbling, dark Kennedy Stadium in 1978 that quickly became his last game as coach of the Cadets.

Of all the rivalries he has witnessed, Smith finds the game against USC the most enjoyable. "There is great respect between the two schools," he said. "Fierce rivalry, but not bad, not enmity. It's like if somebody attacked Los Angeles, we'd fight side by side."

Which is what some of the most intense Army and Navy followers did when last year's game was over and real life resumed in the Persian Gulf. Smith remembered the feeling of respect being a common denominator when

continued on page 148

ncaa statistics

FINAL DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Shawn Moore, *Virginia*	SR	10	241	144	59.75	8	3.32	2262	9.39	21	8.71	160.7
Ty Detmer, *Brigham Young*	JR	12	562	361	64.23	28	4.98	5188	9.23	41	7.30	155.9
Casey Weldon, *Florida St.*	JR	11	182	112	61.54	4	2.20	1600	8.79	12	6.59	152.7
Dan McGwire, *San Diego St.*	SR	11	449	270	60.13	7	1.56	3833	8.54	27	6.01	148.6
David Klingler, *Houston*	JR	11	643	374	58.16	20	3.11	5140	7.99	54	8.40	146.8
Craig Erickson, *Miami*	SR	11	393	225	57.25	7	1.78	3363	8.56	22	5.60	144.0
Shane Matthews, *Florida*	SO	11	378	229	60.58	12	3.17	2952	7.81	23	6.08	139.9
Garrett Gabriel, *Hawaii*	SR	12	320	165	51.56	16	5.00	2752	8.60	25	7.81	139.6
Troy Kopp, *Pacific*	SO	9	428	243	56.78	14	3.27	3311	7.74	31	7.24	139.1
Rick Mirer, *Notre Dame*	SO	11	200	110	55.00	6	3.00	1824	9.12	8	4.00	138.8
Ralph Martini, *San Jose St.*	SR	11	362	204	56.35	13	3.59	2928	8.09	23	6.35	138.1
Jason Palumbis, *Stanford*	JR	11	341	234	68.62	9	2.64	2579	7.56	11	3.23	137.5
Jason Verduzco, *Illinois*	SO	11	330	213	64.55	10	3.03	2446	7.41	16	4.85	136.7
Browning Nagle, *Louisville*	SR	11	263	146	55.51	11	4.18	2150	8.17	16	6.08	135.9
Matt Rodgers, *Iowa*	JR	11	276	172	62.32	7	2.54	2032	7.36	14	5.07	135.8
Quinn Grovey, *Arkansas*	SR	11	235	120	51.06	10	4.26	1886	8.03	18	7.66	135.2
Shawn Jones, *Georgia Tech*	SO	11	245	142	57.96	12	4.90	2008	8.20	13	5.31	134.5
Bobby Fuller, *South Carolina*	JR	11	294	171	58.16	9	3.06	2372	8.07	13	4.42	134.4
Marvin Graves, *Syracuse*	FR	10	200	115	57.50	11	5.50	1711	8.55	9	4.50	133.2
Tommy Maddox, *UCLA*	FR	11	327	182	55.66	14	4.28	2682	8.20	17	5.20	133.1
Todd Marinovich, *Southern Cal.*	SO	11	292	178	60.96	9	3.08	2249	7.70	12	4.11	133.1

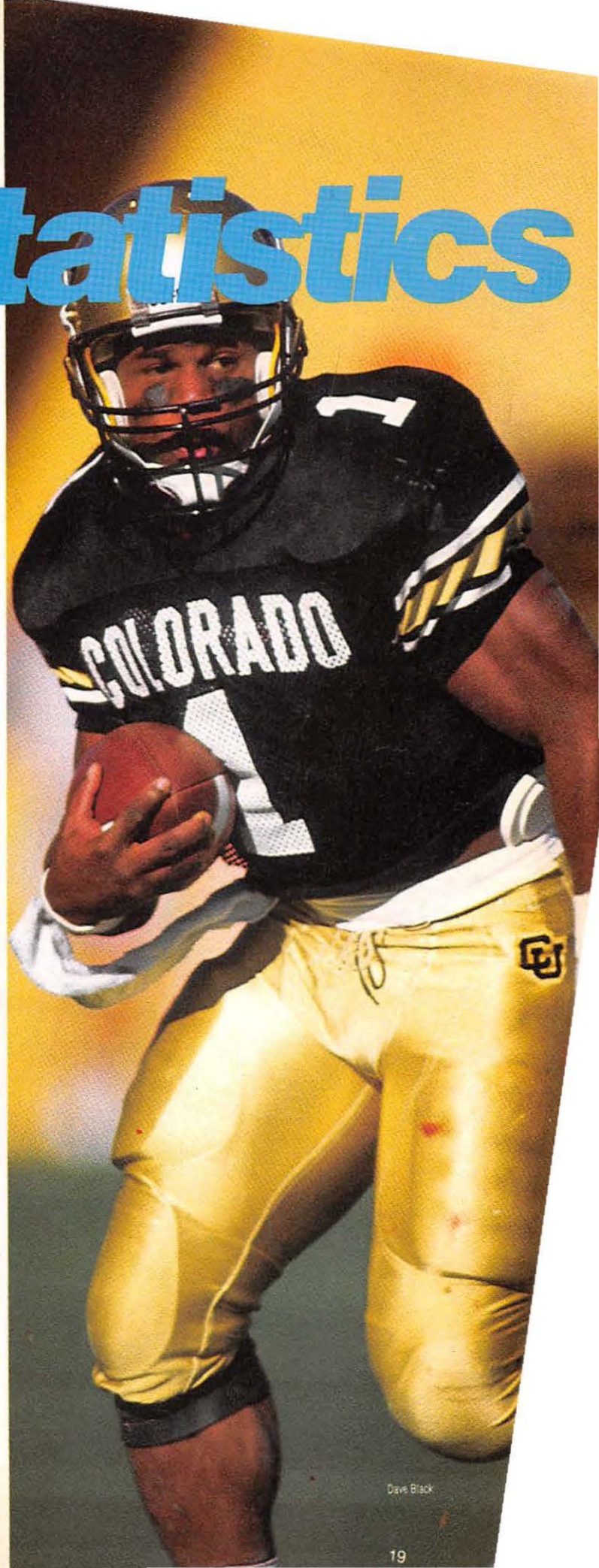
TOTAL OFFENSE

		rushing					passing			total offense	
	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	ydpl	tdr*	yds pg
David Klingler, *Houston*	61	245	164	81	643	5140	704	5221	7.42	55	474.64
Ty Detmer, *Brigham Young*	73	145	311	-166	562	5188	635	5022	7.91	45	418.50
Troy Kopp, *Pacific*	57	134	169	-35	428	3311	485	3276	6.75	32	364.00
Dan McGwire, *San Diego St.*	35	35	204	-169	449	3833	484	3664	7.57	28	333.09
Craig Erickson, *Miami*	46	146	120	26	393	3363	439	3389	7.72	25	308.09
Shane Matthews, *Florida*	72	180	207	-27	378	2952	450	2925	6.50	27	265.91
Ralph Martini, *San Jose St.*	51	136	141	-5	362	2928	413	2923	7.08	25	265.73
Tommy Maddox, *UCLA*	90	368	220	148	327	2682	417	2830	6.79	19	257.27
Shawn Moore, *Virginia*	94	404	98	306	241	2262	335	2568	7.67	29	256.80
Mark Barsotti, *Fresno St.*	61	350	102	248	346	2534	407	2782	6.84	14	252.91
Chris Pedersen, *Iowa St.*	130	678	108	570	206	1601	336	2171	6.46	9	241.22
Garrett Gabriel, *Hawaii*	92	366	246	120	320	2752	412	2872	6.97	28	239.33
Todd Studer, *Long Beach St.*	63	210	197	13	366	2618	429	2631	6.13	20	239.18
Brad Tayles, *Western Michigan*	86	356	148	208	345	2397	431	2605	6.04	16	236.82
Eric Hunter, *Purdue*	97	278	278	0	366	2355	463	2355	5.09	19	235.50
Kent Kiefer, *Missouri*	33	54	144	-90	275	2183	308	2093	6.80	11	232.56
Mike Romo, *Southern Medthodist*	78	91	297	-206	412	2434	490	2228	4.55	19	222.80
Jason Palumbis, *Stanford*	65	88	224	-136	341	2579	406	2443	6.02	14	222.09
Alex Van Pelt, *Pittsburgh*	24	72	61	11	351	2427	375	2438	6.50	16	221.64

*Touchdowns responsible for

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg
Glyn Milburn, *Stanford*	SO	11	729	632	267	594	2222	202.00
Sheldon Canley, *San Jose St.*	SR	11	1248	386	5	574	2213	201.18
Chuck Weatherspoon, *Houston*	SR	11	1097	560	196	185	2038	185.27
Eric Bieniemy, *Colorado*	SR	11	1628	159	0	31	1818	165.27
Jeff Sydner, *Hawaii*	SO	12	390	620	483	265	1958	163.17
Greg Lewis, *Washington*	SR	10	1279	345	0	0	1624	162.40
Russell White, *California*	SO	11	1000	127	0	629	1756	159.64
Dwayne Owens, *Oregon St.*	FR	9	364	49	0	1014	1427	158.56
Raghib Ismail, *Notre Dame*	JR	11	537	702	151	336	1726	156.91
Dion Johnson, *East Carolina*	JR	9	266	90	167	879	1402	155.78
Hernandez Cooper, *Nevada-Las Vegas*	JR	11	573	251	173	708	1705	155.00
Patrick Rowe, *San Diego St.*	JR	11	-4	1392	-5	297	1680	152.73
Trevor Cobb, *Rice*	SO	11	1325	312	0	37	1674	152.18
Mike Mayweather, *Army*	SR	11	1338	0	0	334	1672	152.00
Gerald Hudson, *Oklahoma St.*	SR	11	1642	25	0	0	1667	151.55
Anthony Williams, *Wake Forest*	JR	11	866	0	0	740	1606	146.00
Darren Lewis, *Texas A&M*	SR	12	1691	48	0	0	1739	144.92
Rodney Blackshear, *Texas Tech*	JR	11	0	973	0	621	1594	144.91
Vaughn Dunbar, *Indiana*	SR	11	1143	118	0	320	1581	143.73



Eric Bieniemy *Colorado*

Dave Black

ncaa statistics

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Gerald Hudson, *Oklahoma St.*	SR	11	279	1642	5.9	10	149.27
Eric Bieniemy, *Colorado*	SR	11	288	1628	5.7	17	148.00
Darren Lewis, *Texas A&M*	SR	12	291	1691	5.8	18	140.92
Greg Lewis, *Washington*	SR	10	229	1279	5.6	8	127.90
Tico Duckett, *Michigan St.*	SO	11	249	1376	5.5	10	125.09
Roger Grant, *Utah St.*	JR	11	266	1370	5.2	8	124.55
Mike Mayweather, *Army*	SR	11	274	1338	4.9	10	121.64
Trevor Cobb, *Rice*	SO	11	283	1325	4.7	10	120.45
Sheldon Canley, *San Jose St.*	SR	11	296	1248	4.2	12	113.45
Stacey Robinson, *Northern Illinois*	SR	11	193	1238	6.4	19	112.55
Jon Vaughn, *Michigan*	SO	11	201	1236	6.1	9	112.36
Bernie Parmalee, *Ball St.*	SR	9	240	1010	4.2	5	112.22
Michael Richardson, *La. Tech*	SR	10	222	1114	5.0	13	111.40
Tony Thompson, *Tennessee*	SR	12	219	1261	5.8	16	105.08
Leodis Flowers, *Nebraska*	JR	9	149	940	6.3	9	104.44
Mazio Royster, *Southern Cal*	SO	10	203	1043	5.1	8	104.30
Vaughn Dunbar, *Indiana*	SR	11	229	1143	5.0	13	103.91
Hyland Hickson, *Michigan St.*	SR	11	220	1128	5.1	13	102.55
Aaron Craver, *Fresno St.*	SR	10	224	1003	4.5	17	100.30
Chuck Weatherspoon, *Houston*	SR	11	158	1097	6.9	7	99.73
Robert Smith, *Ohio St.*	FR	11	164	1064	6.5	7	96.73
Howard Griffith, *Illinois*	SR	11	186	1056	5.7	15	96.00

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	pt pg
Stacey Robinson, *Northern Illinois*	SR	11	19	6	0	120	10.91
Aaron Craver, *Fresno St.*	SR	10	18	0	0	108	10.80
Roman Anderson, *Houston*	JR	11	0	58	19	115	10.45
Amp Lee, *Florida St.*	SO	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Andy Trakas, *San Diego St.*	SO	11	0	53	18	107	9.73
Darren Lewis, *Texas A&M*	SR	12	19	0	0	114	9.50
Eric Bieniemy, *Colorado*	SR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Carlos Huerta, *Miami*	JR	11	0	50	17	101	9.18
Michale Pollak, *Texas*	SR	11	0	39	20	99	9.00
Greg Burke, *Tennessee*	SR	12	0	50	19	107	8.92
Philip Doyle, *Alabama*	SR	11	0	25	24	97	8.82
Blaise Bryant, *Iowa St.*	SR	9	13	0	0	78	8.67
R.D. Lashar, *Oklahoma*	SR	11	0	50	15	95	8.64
Jake McInerney, *Virginia*	SR	11	0	49	15	94	8.55
Richie Andrews, *Florida St.*	SR	11	0	52	13	91	8.27
Howard Griffith, *Illinois*	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Sheldon Canley, *San Jose St.*	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
J.D. Carlson, *Michigan*	JR	11	0	42	16	90	8.18
Chris Boniol, *Louisiana Tech*	FR	11	0	38	17	89	8.09
Craig Hentrich, *Notre Dame*	SO	11	0	41	16	89	8.09

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PLAYER

Rushing and passing	*player, team (opponent, date)*	*total*
Rushing and passing plays	Matt Vogler, Texas Christian (Houston, Nov.3)	94*
Rushing and passing yards	David Klingler, Houston (Arizona St., Dec.2)	732**
Rushing plays	Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech (SW La., Sept.29)	47
Net rushing yards	Mark Brus, Tulsa (New Mexico St., Oct. 27)	312
Passes attempted	Matt Vogler, Texas Christian (Houston, Nov. 3)	79#
Passes completed	David Klingler, Houston (SMU Oct. 20)	48##
Passing yards	David Klingler, Houston (Arizona St., Dec. 2)	716%
Receiving and returns		
Passes caught	Richard Woodley, TCU (Texas Tech, Nov. 10)	18
Receiving yards	Aaron Turner, Pacific (New Mexico St., Oct. 20)	265
Punt-return yards	Paul Agema, Western Mich. (Akron, Oct. 6)	151
Kickoff-return yards	Dwayne Owens, Oregon St. (Southern Cal., Nov. 10)	237

* Old Record: 79 by Dave Telford, Fresno St., 1987, and by Donny Harrison, Ohio, 1983.
** Old Record: 696 by Matt Vogler, Texas Christian, 1990.
# Old Record: 76 by David Klingler, Houston, 1990.
Old Record: 45 by Sandy Schwab, Northwestern vs. Michigan, 1982.
% Old Record: 690 by Matt Vogler, Texas Christian, 1990.

TEAM

	team (opponent, date)	*total*
Net rushing yards	Northern Illinois (Fresno St., Oct. 6)	733
Passing yards	Houston (Arizona St., Dec. 2)	716
Rushing and passing yards	Houston (Texas Christian, Nov. 3)	827
Fewest rush-pass yards allowed	North Caro. St. (Western Caro., Sept. 1)	17
Passes attempted	Houston (Southern Methodist, Oct. 20)	81*
Passes completed	Houston (Southern Methodist, Oct. 20)	53#
Points scored	Houston (Eastern Wash., Nov. 17)	84

* Old Record: 79. Texas Christian, 1990.
# Old Record: 47, Houston vs. TCU, 1989, and Wake Forest vs. Maryland, 1981

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	cl	g	ct	yds	td	ct pg
Manny Hazard, *Houston*	SR	10	78	946	9	7.80
Bobby Slaughter, *Louisiana Tech*	SR	11	78	994	5	7.09
Eric Morgan, *New Mexico*	SR	12	80	1043	6	6.67
Andy Boyce, *Brigham Young*	SR	12	79	1241	13	6.58
Patrick Rowe, *San Diego St.*	JR	11	71	1392	8	6.45
Frank Wychek, *Maryland*	FR	9	58	509	1	6.44
Dennis Arey, *San Diego St.*	SR	11	68	1118	10	6.18
Keenan McCardell, *UNLV*	SR	11	68	1046	8	6.18
Ed McCaffrey, *Stanford*	SR	10	61	917	8	6.10
Tracy Good, *Houston*	SO	11	67	616	5	6.09
Aaron Turner, *Pacific*	SO	11	66	1264	11	6.00
Lawrence Dawsey, *Florida St.*	SR	11	65	999	7	5.91
Kelly Blackwell, *Texas Christian*	JR	11	64	832	5	5.82
Glyn Milburn, *Stanford*	SO	11	64	632	2	5.82
Chris Smith, *Brigham Young*	SR	12	68	1156	2	5.67
Daryl Hobbs, *Pacific*	JR	11	62	848	14	5.64
Jimmy Raye, *San Diego St.*	SR	11	62	697	5	5.64
Richard Woodley, *Texas Christian*	FR	10	56	653	4	5.60
Wesley Carroll, *Miami*	SR	11	61	952	6	5.55
Jason Wolf, *Southern Methodist*	SO	10	55	462	6	5.50

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
D. McCloughan, *Colorado*	SR	32	524	2	16.38
Beno Bryant, *Washington*	SO	36	560	3	15.56
Jeff Graham, *Ohio St.*	SR	22	327	2	14.86
T. James, *Mississippi St.*	SO	23	341	2	14.83
Tripp Welborne, *Michigan*	SR	31	455	0	14.68
Terrell Buckley, *Florida St.*	SO	24	350	2	14.58
G. Coghill, *Wake Forest*	SO	19	275	1	14.47
Rob Turner, *Indiana*	JR	27	373	2	13.81
T. Smith, *Southern Miss.*	JR	38	507	2	13.34
Joey Smith, *Louisville*	SR	29	382	0	13.17
Brian Brown, *Oregon*	FR	27	355	1	13.15
Dale Carter, *Tennessee*	JR	29	381	0	13.14
Tisen Thomas, *Penn St.*	SO	30	381	0	12.70
Jason Wallace, *Virginia*	SR	32	403	1	12.59
Tyrone Hughes, *Nebraska*	SO	18	225	0	12.50
H. Cooper, *UNLV*	JR	14	173	0	12.36
Jeff Snyder, *Hawaii*	SO	40	483	1	12.07
M. Mickel, *Virginia Tech*	JR	25	292	0	11.68
Brad Breedlove, *Duke*	SO	12	140	0	11.67
V. Brownlee, *Mississippi*	JR	34	396	1	11.65

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	fg pg
Philip Doyle, *Alabama*	SR	11	29	24	.828	2.18
Clint Gwaltney, *North Carolina*	JR	11	27	21	.778	1.91
Michale Pollak, *Texas*	SR	11	26	20	.769	1.82
Chris Gardocki, *Clemson*	JR	11	24	19	.792	1.73
John Kasay, *Georgia*	SR	11	24	19	.792	1.73
Roman Anderson, *Houston*	JR	11	25	19	.760	1.73
Bob Wright, *Temple*	SR	11	25	19	.760	1.73
Jeff Shudak, *Iowa St.*	SR	11	27	19	.704	1.73
Andy Trakas, *San Diego St.*	SO	11	26	18	.692	1.64
Rusty Hanna, *Toledo*	SO	11	29	18	.621	1.64
Greg Burke, *Tennessee*	SR	12	29	19	.655	1.58
Carlos Huerta, *Miami*	JR	11	21	17	.810	1.55
Jim Von Wyl, *Auburn*	JR	11	22	17	.773	1.55
Chris Boniol, *Louisiana Tech*	FR	11	24	17	.708	1.55
Jason Hanson, *Washington St.*	JR	11	26	17	.654	1.55

INTERCEPTIONS

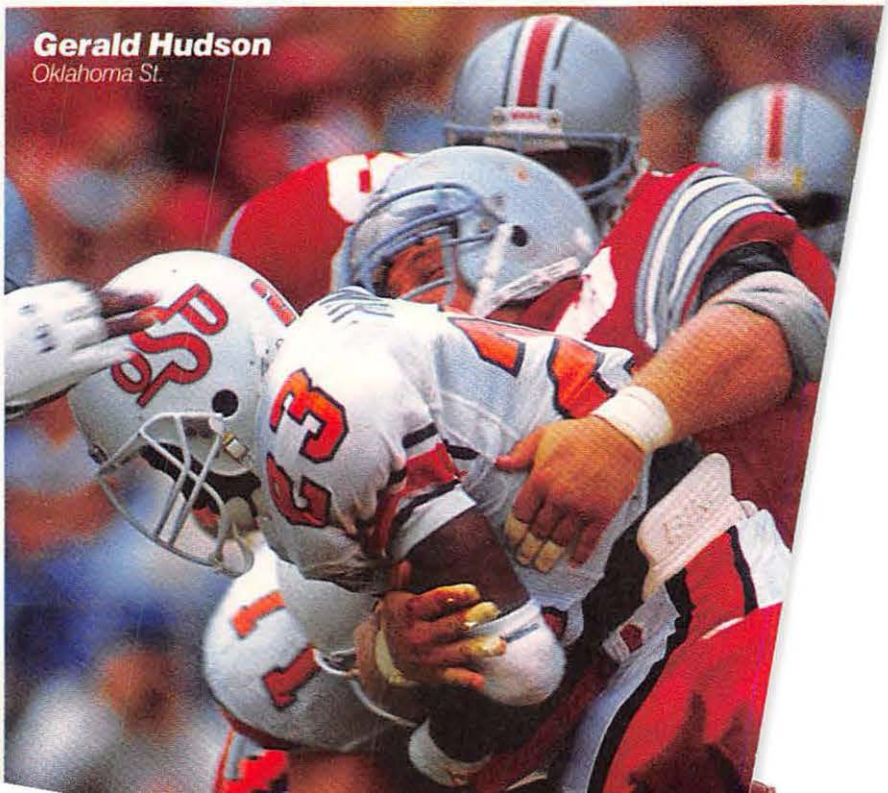
	cl	g	no	yds	td	i pg
Jerry Parks, *Houston*	JR	11	8	124	1	.73
Will White, *Florida*	SO	10	7	116	0	.70
Darryl Lewis, *Arizona*	SR	11	7	192	2	.64
Shawn Vincent, *Akron*	SR	11	7	191	0	.64
Ron Carpenter, *Miami (Ohio)*	JR	11	7	164	1	.64
Darren Perry, *Penn St.*	SR	11	7	125	1	.64
Mike Welch, *Baylor*	SR	11	7	80	0	.64
Ozzie Jackson, *Akron*	SR	11	7	50	0	.64
Jaime Mendez, *Kansas St.*	FR	10	6	154	1	.60
Dave Bielinski, *Bowling Green*	SO	10	6	63	0	.60
Kevin Smith, *Texas A&M*	JR	12	7	149	2	.58
Robert Glover, *Ball St.*	SR	9	5	60	0	.56
Ken Swilling, *Georgia Tech*	JR	9	5	34	0	.56

KICKOFF RETURNS

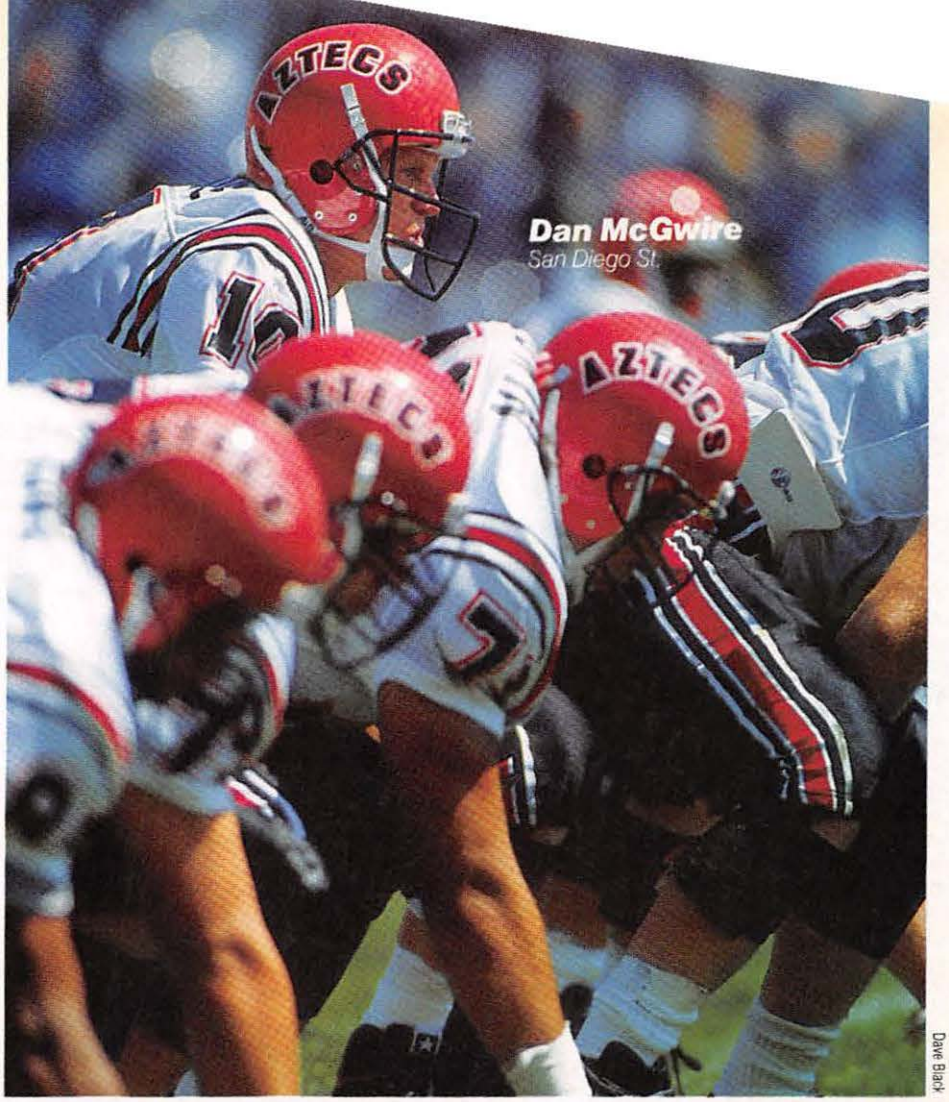
(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Dale Carter, *Tennessee*	JR	17	507	1	29.82
D. Howard, *Michigan*	JR	16	472	1	29.50
Tyrone Hughes, *Nebraska*	SO	18	523	1	29.06
R. Washington, *New Mexico St.*	JR	22	638	1	29.00
Randy Jones, *Duke*	SR	24	678	2	28.25
Andre Hastings, *Georgia*	FR	15	422	1	28.13
Milt Stegall, *Miami (Ohio)*	JR	18	497	1	27.61
Russell White, *California*	SO	24	629	1	26.21
Dion Johnson, *East Carolina*	JR	34	879	1	25.85
Dexter Pointer, *Utah St.*	JR	30	769	0	25.63
A. Williams, *Wake Forest*	JR	29	740	0	25.52
Roy Ross, *UTEP*	FR	24	610	2	25.42
Kevin McCoy, *Temple*	SR	25	634	0	25.36
Ron Allen, *Rutgers*	SR	15	377	1	25.13
R. Blackshear, *Texas Tech*	JR	25	621	1	24.84
Glyn Milburn, *Stanford*	SO	24	594	0	24.75
Dwayne Owens, *Oregon St.*	FR	41	1014	1	24.73
Otis Taylor, *Oklahoma*	SO	15	366	0	24.40
Kelvin Means, *Fresno St.*	JR	23	559	0	24.30
Eric Blount, *North Carolina*	JR	25	604	0	24.16

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	avg
Cris Shale, *Bowling Green*	SR	66	46.77
Brian Greenfield, *Pittsburgh*	SR	50	45.60
Jason Hanson, *Washington St.*	JR	59	45.41
Chris Gardocki, *Clemson*	JR	53	44.34
Greg Hertzog, *West Virginia*	SR	62	43.50
Scott McAlister, *North Carolina*	JR	79	43.46
Brad Williams, *Arizona St.*	SR	56	43.25
Klaus Wilmsmeyer, *Louisville*	JR	48	42.96
Todd Rawsthorne, *Western Michigan*	JR	35	42.91
Trent Thompson, *Temple*	JR	42	42.74
Alex Waits, *Texas*	SR	60	42.70
Jason Christ, *Air Force*	JR	59	42.61
Macky Smith, *Indiana*	SR	52	42.48
Jeff Bohlman, *Ohio St.*	SR	46	42.48
Sean Wilson, *Texas A&M*	SR	45	42.36
Rusty Carlsen, *Utah St.*	JR	47	42.19
Troy Rossean, *New Mexico*	JR	79	41.95
Joey Chapman, *Tennessee*	FR	45	41.89
Eric Bruun, *Purdue*	JR	61	41.69
Brian Griffith, *Louisiana St.*	JR	52	41.62



Jonathan Daniel/Allsport USA



Dan McGwire
San Diego St.

Dave Black

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Houston	11	511	46.5
Brigham Young	12	510	42.5
San Diego St.	11	459	41.7
Virginia	11	442	40.2
Florida St.	11	435	39.5
Nebraska	11	413	37.5
Tennessee	12	442	36.8
Miami	11	401	36.5
Oklahoma	11	401	36.5
Washington	11	394	35.8
Iowa	11	393	35.7
Florida	11	387	35.2
San Jose St.	11	387	35.2
Texas A&M	12	400	33.3
Colorado	12	389	32.4
Texas	11	355	32.3
Michigan	11	354	32.2
Pacific	11	353	32.1
Notre Dame	11	350	31.8
Fresno St.	11	346	31.5

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Central Michigan	11	98	8.9
Clemson	11	109	9.9
Ball St.	11	121	11.0
Alabama	11	127	11.5
Southern Mississippi	11	141	12.8
Louisville	11	142	12.9
Nebraska	11	147	13.4
Washington	11	150	13.6
Penn St.	11	155	14.1
North Carolina St.	11	162	14.7

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained			turnovers lost			margin
	fum	int	total	fum	int	total	/game
Washington	17	20	37	6	8	14	2.09
Tennessee	19	24	43	3	17	20	1.92
Florida St.	15	21	36	6	10	16	1.82
Oklahoma	18	19	37	14	8	22	1.36
Kansas St.	16	19	35	8	12	20	1.36
Georgia Tech	16	24	40	13	13	26	1.27
Penn St.	8	23	31	8	9	17	1.27

PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Houston	11	659	386	20	58.6	5213	7.9	54	473.9
Brigham Young	12	580	373	29	64.3	5379	9.3	41	448.3
San Diego St.	11	485	287	8	59.2	4086	8.4	29	371.5
Pacific	11	535	303	16	56.6	4051	7.6	40	368.3
Miami	11	434	246	8	56.7	3573	8.2	22	324.8
Missouri	11	404	246	19	60.9	3248	8.0	18	295.3
Texas Christian	11	511	258	20	50.5	3237	6.3	24	294.3
San Jose St.	11	393	219	15	55.7	3208	8.2	27	291.6
Florida	11	415	246	16	59.3	3197	7.7	25	290.6
New Mexico	12	510	237	23	46.5	3221	6.3	18	268.4
Purdue	11	471	254	24	53.9	2877	6.1	12	261.5
Florida St.	11	348	222	10	63.8	2785	8.0	20	253.2
Maryland	11	441	238	20	54.0	2774	6.3	10	252.2
UCLA	11	349	192	16	55.0	2766	7.9	17	251.5
Texas Tech	11	360	182	17	50.6	2766	7.7	15	251.5
Stanford	11	366	244	11	66.7	2763	7.5	11	251.2
Utah	11	398	204	21	51.3	2757	6.9	11	250.6
Southern Methodist	11	481	282	15	58.6	2755	5.7	22	250.5

ASSING EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
ama	11	309	141	45.63	15	4.85	1516	4.91	5	1.62	82.47
tral Michigan	11	289	129	44.64	15	5.19	1462	5.06	6	2.08	83.60
St	11	247	116	46.96	17	6.88	1329	5.38	4	1.62	83.74
mi (Ohio)	11	244	106	43.44	15	6.15	1327	5.44	8	3.28	87.65
as	11	314	129	41.08	13	4.14	1780	5.67	7	2.23	87.78
nson	11	309	149	48.22	14	4.53	1597	5.17	5	1.62	87.91
nessee	12	336	163	48.51	24	7.14	1737	5.17	12	3.57	89.44
isville	11	279	141	50.54	19	6.81	1641	5.88	4	1.43	91.06
no St	11	346	144	41.62	11	3.18	2109	6.10	5	1.45	91.23
n St.	11	361	178	49.31	23	6.37	2023	5.60	9	2.49	91.86
raska	11	242	107	44.21	14	5.79	1441	5.95	7	2.89	92.21
siana St.	11	244	122	50.00	19	7.79	1395	5.72	8	3.28	93.27
rgia Tech	11	309	151	48.87	24	7.77	2022	6.54	5	1.62	93.64
ida	11	322	153	47.52	19	5.90	1893	5.88	9	2.80	94.32
h Carolina St.	11	338	163	48.22	17	5.03	1848	5.47	11	3.25	94.83
lor	11	336	158	47.02	16	4.76	1907	5.68	10	2.98	95.00
ahoma	11	284	126	44.37	19	6.69	1828	6.44	9	3.17	95.51
do	11	291	131	45.02	11	3.78	1649	5.67	10	3.44	96.40
ois	11	269	131	48.70	13	4.83	1583	5.88	7	2.60	97.05
siana Tech	11	316	160	50.63	19	6.01	1811	5.73	10	3.16	97.19

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Houston	11	905	6455	7.1	63	586.82
Brigham Young	12	968	6788	7.0	64	565.67
San Diego St.	11	927	5798	6.3	57	527.09
Virginia	11	804	5516	6.9	55	501.45
Miami	11	842	5312	6.3	49	482.91
Texas A&M	12	875	5653	6.5	50	471.08
San Jose St.	11	872	5116	5.9	51	465.09
Pacific	11	835	5080	6.1	47	461.82
Fresno St.	11	868	5026	5.8	45	456.91
Florida	11	855	4978	5.8	44	452.55
Louisiana Tech	11	838	4948	5.9	39	449.82
Florida St.	11	770	4922	6.4	52	447.45
Nebraska	11	798	4888	6.1	51	444.36
Colorado	12	834	5177	6.2	47	431.42
Iowa	11	823	4701	5.7	50	427.36
Northern Illinois	11	740	4661	6.3	44	423.73
Notre Dame	11	786	4587	5.8	41	417.00
Colorado St.	12	954	4936	5.2	41	411.33
Hawaii	12	841	4934	5.9	46	411.17
Tennessee	12	846	4933	5.8	49	411.08

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Clemson	11	678	2386	3.5	10	216.9
Ball St.	11	708	2449	3.5	12	222.6
Alabama	11	711	2523	3.5	11	229.4
Central Michigan	11	681	2559	3.8	8	232.6
Florida	11	708	2834	4.0	17	257.6
Louisville	11	737	2855	3.9	13	259.5
Nebraska	11	724	2898	4.0	16	263.5
Auburn	11	738	3002	4.1	22	272.9
Miami (Ohio)	11	765	3036	4.0	26	276.0
North Carolina St.	11	772	3054	4.0	17	277.6
Penn St.	11	762	3063	4.0	17	278.5
Toledo	11	715	3135	4.4	21	285.0
Washington	11	753	3181	4.2	16	289.2
Georgia Tech	11	743	3242	4.4	12	294.7
Southern Miss.	11	757	3267	4.3	15	297.0
Miami	11	776	3284	4.2	19	298.5
Baylor	11	737	3285	4.5	19	298.6
Texas	11	777	3317	4.3	21	301.5
Texas A&M	12	818	3625	4.4	25	302.1
Iowa	11	741	3336	4.5	28	303.3

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Northern Illinois	11	619	3791	6.1	36	344.6
Nebraska	11	641	3740	5.8	36	340.0
Army	11	746	3647	4.9	30	331.5
Texas A&M	12	661	3829	5.8	37	319.1
Oklahoma	11	637	3182	5.0	41	289.3
Colorado	12	629	3254	5.2	33	271.2
Air Force	11	653	2942	4.5	28	267.5
Virginia	11	520	2831	5.4	31	257.4
Clemson	11	623	2808	4.5	24	255.3
Michigan St.	11	590	2793	4.7	34	253.9
Michigan	11	532	2784	5.2	22	253.1
Notre Dame	11	582	2753	4.7	33	250.3
Washington	11	519	2715	5.2	32	246.8
Iowa	11	538	2560	4.8	34	232.7
Baylor	11	622	2537	4.1	21	230.6
Vanderbilt	11	538	2498	4.6	19	227.1
Toledo	11	596	2474	4.2	27	224.9
Colorado St.	12	648	2621	4.0	34	218.4
Oklahoma St.	11	520	2338	4.5	20	212.5
Louisiana Tech	11	480	2335	4.9	23	212.3

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Washington	11	392	735	1.9	10	66.8
Clemson	11	369	789	2.1	5	71.1
Miami	11	387	877	2.3	7	79.7
San Jose St.	11	410	916	2.2	9	83.3
Florida	11	386	941	2.4	8	85.5
Alabama	11	402	1007	2.5	6	91.5
Penn St.	11	401	1040	2.6	8	94.5
Iowa	11	392	1095	2.8	14	99.5
Central Michigan	11	392	1097	2.8	2	99.7
Ball St.	11	461	1120	2.4	8	101.8
Michigan	11	384	1166	3.0	15	106.0
Oregon	11	379	1168	3.1	10	106.2
North Carolina St.	11	434	1206	2.8	6	109.6
Louisville	11	458	1214	2.7	9	110.4
Georgia Tech	11	434	1220	2.8	7	110.9
Southern Cal.	12	422	1345	3.2	15	112.1
Michigan St.	11	383	1245	3.3	11	113.2
Hawaii	12	494	1365	2.8	15	113.8
Colorado	12	474	1370	2.9	11	114.2
Brigham Young	12	448	1396	3.1	16	116.3

Quarterback Class

Employment opportunities in the NFL are abundant for the top college passers

by LARRY FELSER
BUFFALO NEWS

As 1990 turned toward 1991, the two quarterbacks who made the University of Houston's run-and-shoot offense succeed greeted the new year with different attitudes. **David Klingler** had made his decision to return to school for his senior season in '91. He took personal aim at **Ty Detmer** and the Heisman Trophy, as well as the possibility of being the premium pick in the 1992 National Football League draft. Andre Ware, behind whom Klingler played in 1989 when Ware won the Heisman, faced an uncertain future. He had left the Cougars with a year's eligibility remaining to enter the pro draft. The Detroit Lions selected him in the first round, yet he played relatively little. By the end of the season, he had become disillusioned. Two different decisions led down two different paths.

Some of the best college quarterbacks will be confronted by similar decisions in the next couple of years. Opportunities beckon them in the NFL. The question is whether they are prepared to meet the opportunities. The job market may be tight for graduating teachers, physicists, engineers, and accountants, but for the best of the college quarterbacks, employment possibilities are abundant. NFL teams gobble up quarterback talent. Almost 40 percent of the league's 28 teams have the "Help Wanted" sign out. Here are some of the pros' neediest teams.

David Klingler *Houston*

David Scarbrough

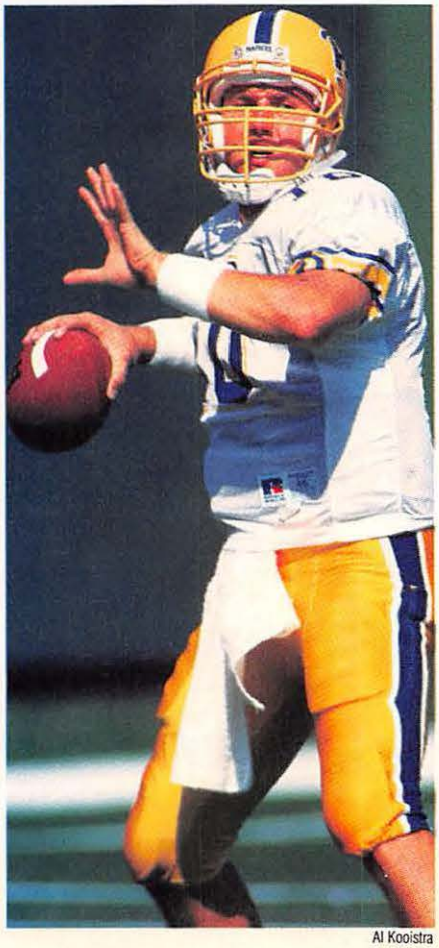
DIRE NEED

Kansas City The admirable Steve DeBerg will be 38 in January. The Chiefs drafted Mike Elkins from Wake Forest in the second round two years ago, but he's so green that the Chiefs lent him out to the World League of American Football last spring.

New England The Patriots used three quarterbacks last season. All were found wanting.

San Diego The Chargers soured on Billy Joe Tolliver, then auditioned sixth-round rookie John Friesz late last year.

Alex Van Pelt *Pitt*



Al Kooistra

SERIOUS NEED

Seattle Dave Krieg turns 33 during the season and coach Chuck Knox has been searching for his successor for at least three years. The Seahawks traded a first-round draft choice and two fifths for Kelly Stouffer three years ago, but he hasn't done a thing. Dan McGwire was drafted in the first round.

Los Angeles Raiders The Raiders dealt super tackle Jim Lachey to Washington for Jay Schroeder, who has been a major disappointment. Steve Beuerlein was kept inactive for a large part of 1990. Al Davis drafted young Todd Marinovich in the first round, a move his NFL peers considered a reach.

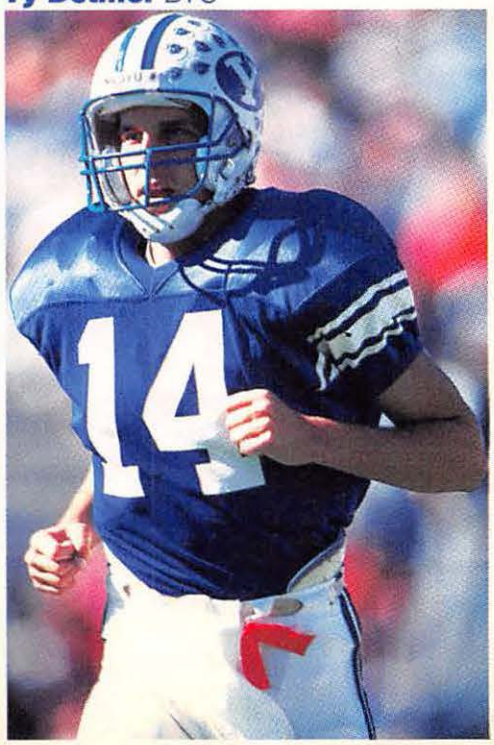
New York Jets New England reject Tony Eason was imported in late '89 to challenge the fading Ken O'Brien for the No. 1 job. Rookie Troy Taylor saw limited action a year ago, and the strong-armed Browning Nagle was the club's top pick in April.

QUESTIONABLE

Pittsburgh After five seasons, Bubby Brister still plays like a journeyman most of the time.

Atlanta Jerry Glanville, the new coach, was dissatisfied with Chris Miller. Many of the players felt the backup, Hugh Millen, should have

Ty Detmer *BYU*



Mitchell B. Reibel

been playing last year and Millen, exposed on Plan B, ended up in New England.

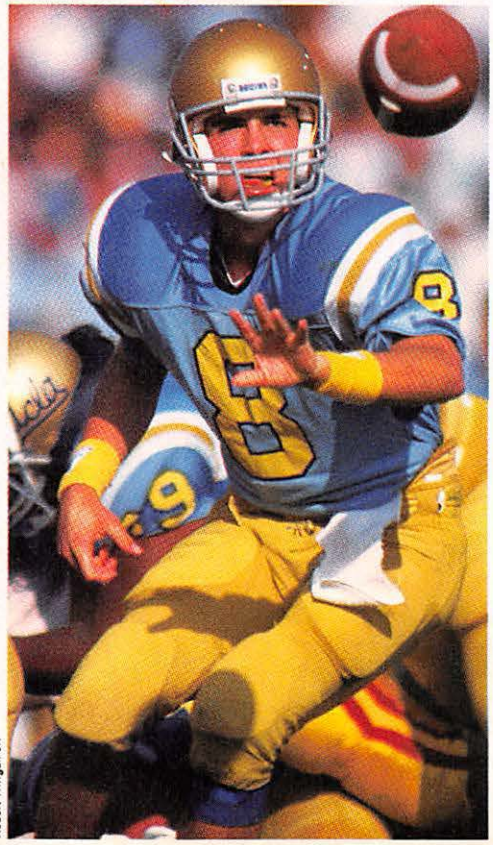
Chicago Mike Tomczak is gone, but Jim Harbaugh is just as much a question mark. Peter Tom Willis didn't make enough of an impression as a rookie to make the Bears comfortable about the future.

Minnesota After 10 seasons, Wade Wilson is still a marginal player. Rich Gannon isn't much more than a curiosity.

Green Bay If Don Majkowski comes back from shoulder surgery, take the Pack off the questionable list. But the injury was to his rotary cuff—serious stuff. Anthony Dilweg might get them through a game or two, but that's it. Tomczak was signed as a free agent after the Bears cast him off.

Part of the "help wanted" story is due to the mediocrity in the quarterback classes from the last three college seasons. Of the 20 quarterbacks drafted in the first six rounds in the last three years, only two—Troy Aikman and Jeff George—had an immediate impact. The pros yearn for something like the class of '83, when four eventual Super Bowl quarterbacks—John Elway, Dan Marino, Jim Kelly, and Eason—came out of college, or the 1973 class, when Bert Jones was drafted in the first round, Ron Jaworski in the second, Dan Fouts and Joe Ferguson in the third, and the useful Don Strock in the fifth.

Tommy Maddox *UCLA*

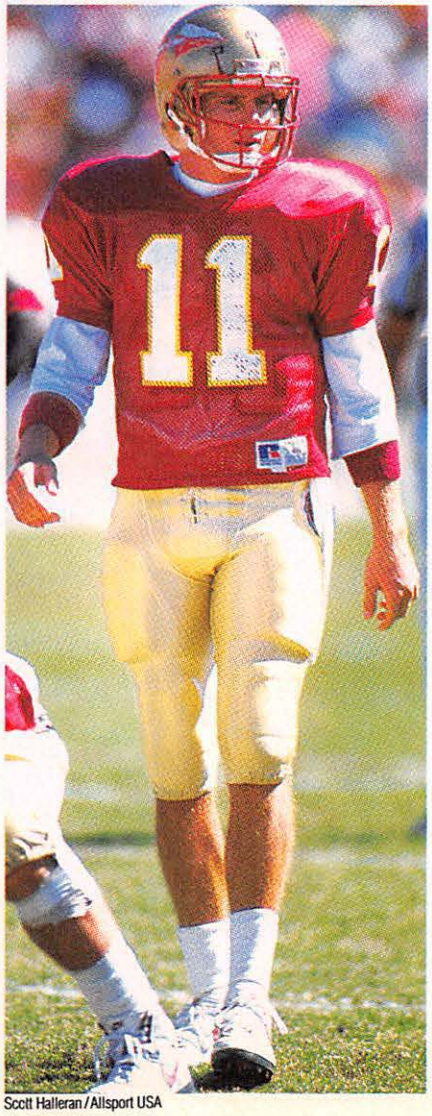


Robert Tringali Jr.

Is it any surprise that NFL ears perk up when Bobby Bowden, the respected Florida State coach, referred to his senior quarterback, **Casey Weldon**, as "a young Joe Montana?" **Marinovich** analyzed the quarterback drought of the last three years and decided that he should chuck his last two years of college eligibility and enter the NFL draft. What Marinovich does in the next couple of seasons will be watched closely by everyone connected with college and pro football. Most footbal people, including the majority of pro scouts, think Marinovich made a major mistake by not staying in school.

"Marinovich isn't ready," said a top personnel director from the west coast, who requested anonymity. "He has some ability, that's obvious, but in most ways he needed those last two years in school. He lacks maturity, for one thing. He was fine when everything went well at USC, but he couldn't handle adversity. The fact that he couldn't get along with his coach, Larry Smith, worries a lot of people. You don't think he'll run up against adversity in the NFL? You don't think friction between quarterback and coach isn't normal in the pros? Marinovich doesn't look like he can handle those problems right now. Physically, there is a question about whether he can throw the long ball accurately and consistently. He needs the sort of polish he could have acquired in two more years of college football."

Casey Weldon *Florida State*



Scott Halleran/Allsport USA

Paul Hackett, head coach at the University of Pittsburgh and a former NFL quarterback coach, makes another point about Marinovich's readiness for the pros. "He comes from an offense where the tailback and the running game are traditionally strong," said Hackett. "Coming from that system is not like going into the pros from a system that is more pass-oriented. The development of a pro quarterback still takes between three to six years. The more experience a quarterback gets in college should lessen his development time."

Hackett has a star underclassman, **Alex Van Pelt**, playing quarterback for him at Pitt. "Alex had a very good freshman year when we had a strong running attack with Curvin Richards," said Hackett. "He did not have as good a year last season, when Curvin was hurt. When you play with a top runner, your job becomes easier." This, incidentally, will be something of a test season for Van Pelt, since Richards left Pitt early to enter the NFL draft.

Marinovich is a pioneer, in a negative way. Jeff George left Illinois with just one year of college remaining. Steve Walsh and Bernie

Stan White *Auburn*

Scott Halleran/Allsport USA

Quarterback Class

Kosar had just one year remaining at Miami when they opted for the pros, as did Timm Rosenbach at Washington State. Marinovich is the first to leave with two years remaining. A lot of young quarterbacks and their coaches will watch Marinovich closely. If he flops, it could discourage quarterbacks from leaving school after their sophomore seasons. If he succeeds, it might encourage other quarterbacks to leave school if they enjoy successful second years. That inspires anger, as well as fear, among the college coaches.

Pat Dye, the Auburn coach, is unlikely to be pulling for Marinovich's immediate success since his own **Stan White** was the brightest freshman quarterback in school history last fall. Terry Donahue of UCLA has similar mixed feelings. His freshman quarterback, **Tommy Maddox**, outperformed cross-town rival Marinovich last year. With Maddox available for the next three seasons, the Bruins could have some form of dynasty in Los Angeles.

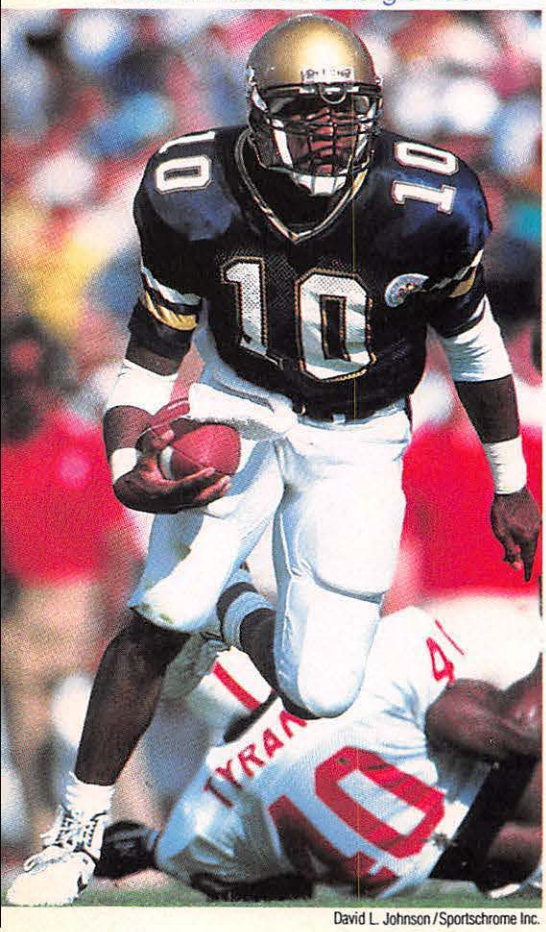
Ron Meyer, the Indianapolis Colts' coach who once was a college head coach at SMU, doesn't think that most underclassmen quarterbacks are equipped to come into the NFL without their full four years experience. "You have to consider the psychological and emotional factors," said the man who made Jeff George his starting quarterback for last year's opening game. "George was ready. He was mature and experienced, able to handle the job. When we scouted him, we approached him the same way we do a college senior. It's too early to offer a judgment on all the quarterbacks who left school early, but I do prefer to deal with players who have the complete college experience."

Ware, on the other hand, was not fully equipped to take on the NFL. He played only one full season for the Cougars, since he suffered a broken wrist early in his college career and his progress was slowed. From a technical standpoint, Ware's ability to throw the deep pass probably would have been polished in his senior season. He went to the Detroit Lions as an incomplete quarterback, compounded by the fact that he was a contract holdout long into training camp.

"There is another thing about Andre that is overlooked," said a scout who watches a great deal of Southwest Conference football. "He was never knocked around in his Heisman season. He never took the sort of beating that most quarterbacks take at one time or another. It's part of the football experience and he went into the NFL without it. He wasn't prepared for the sort of rough treatment he ended up getting. If he had played his senior year, chances are he would have had a rough day or two and then had the experience of coming back from it. That's part of the preparation for any quarterback."

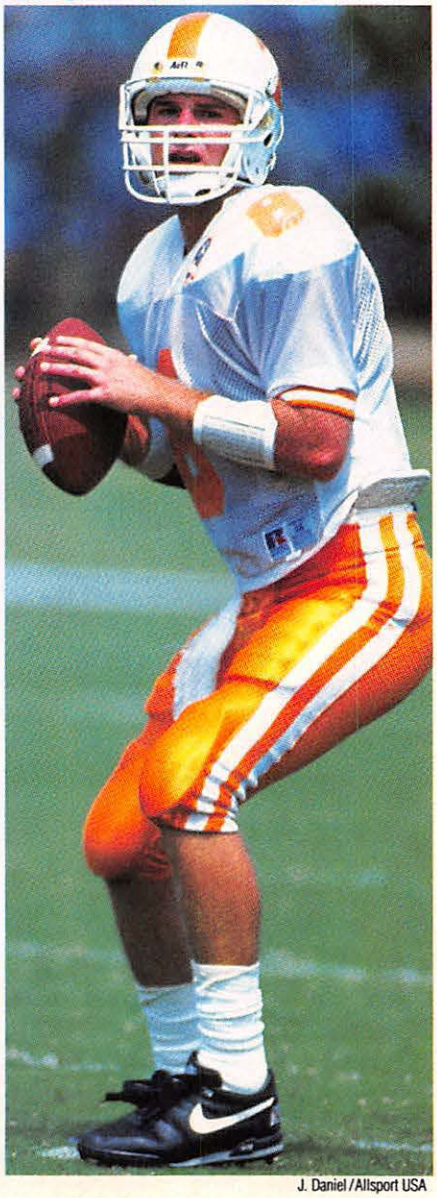
Ware's decision to turn pro gave Klingler his chance. Had Ware returned to Houston for his senior year, Klingler might have started just one season. As it is, Klingler should be better prepared for the pro game in several ways. He is much stronger than Ware and, as a one-time star basketball player, a better athlete. He throws downfield more easily than his predecessor, too.

Shawn Jones *Georgia Tech*



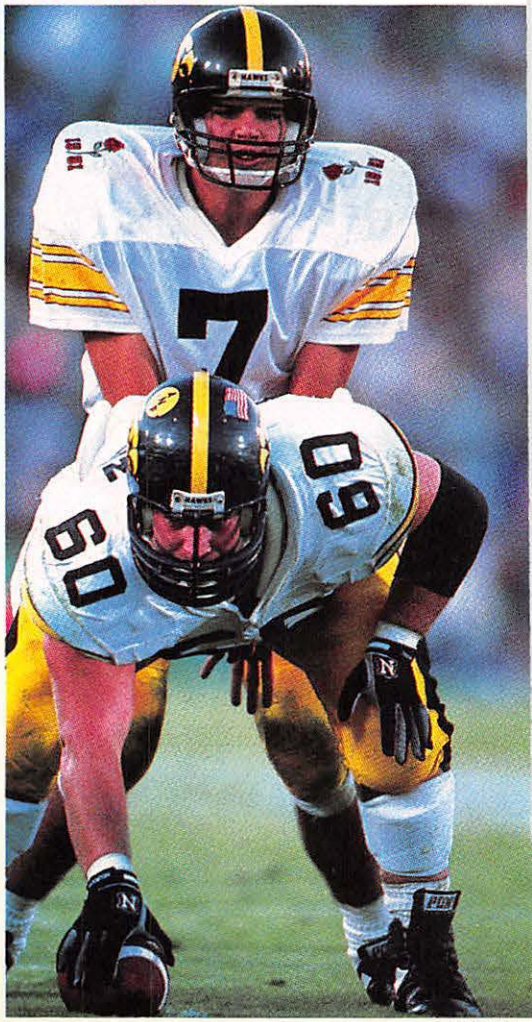
David L. Johnson/Sportschrome Inc.

Andy Kelly *Tennessee*



J. Daniel/Allsport USA

Matt Rodgers *Iowa*



Jeff Carlick

Quarterback Class

John Jenkins, the University of Houston coach, detected a noticeable improvement in Klingler during spring drills. "David had no glaring weaknesses to start with," said Jenkins. "He already understood defenses and how to attack them, but I could see the improvement in the little fundamental things, like more polished footwork and the quickness with which he read defenses." At the end of last season, Klingler told Jenkins "Things were becoming so clear for me in the last three or four games that I wish we could play another 11-game schedule right now to take advantage of what I've learned."

"That's called experience," said Jenkins.

Since most pro teams prefer a finished product, Tennessee's **Andy Kelly** may rank just behind Klingler as a prospect by the time this season ends. The Vols' offense has been so balanced during Kelly's time in school that he blossomed almost unobtrusively. Kelly finished second in Southeast Conference passing as a sophomore despite Tennessee's judicious use of the pass, then showed so much progress the next spring that the Vols' offensive coordinator, Phil Fulmer, said, "He's as much of a threat as any part of our football team." That was higher praise than it sounded, since Tennessee still had star running back Chuck Webb at the time, along with super receivers Carl Pickens and Alvin Harper.

The pros like Kelly's chances already. The same can't be said for Detmer, Brigham Young's marvelous field leader. "Detmer gets it done, he's really a great college player," said an AFC personnel chief, "but he's a little guy who falls into the Doug Flutie category as far as being a pro prospect. In fact, Flutie has a better arm than Detmer."

Except for Klingler and Kelly, the senior quarterbacks interest the pros far less than the underclassmen. This could change, since seniors such as **Matt Rodgers** of Iowa will be watched more closely this season. Smaller-school quarterbacks, such as **Kevin Meger** of Toledo, will be analyzed in far greater detail. Last year, Brent Favre of Southern Mississippi didn't become a pro favorite until late in his senior season.

With the option of leaving school early now a fact of life, underclassmen get far more attention from the scouts than they did in the past. **Shawn Jones**, who led Georgia Tech to an undefeated season as a sophomore, has been compared in some ways to the Philadelphia Eagles' Randall Cunningham. But Cunningham himself didn't excite the pros until late in his senior year at UNLV, and even then some of them considered him more as a punter than a potential starting quarterback.

Fred Akers, the departed Purdue coach, saw his young quarterback, **Eric Hunter**, as a "John Elway type." Hunter operates out of the run-and-shoot, which some pro teams view with skepticism. All of them, however, are impressed by Hunter's record of bringing back the Boilermakers from large deficits.

The University of Florida averaged 452.6 yards and 35.2 points per game a year ago behind sophomore quarterback **Shane Matthews**, who passed for a school-record 2,952 yards—the second-highest total in Southeastern Conference history. Matthews is one of seven offensive starters returning for the Gators this fall.

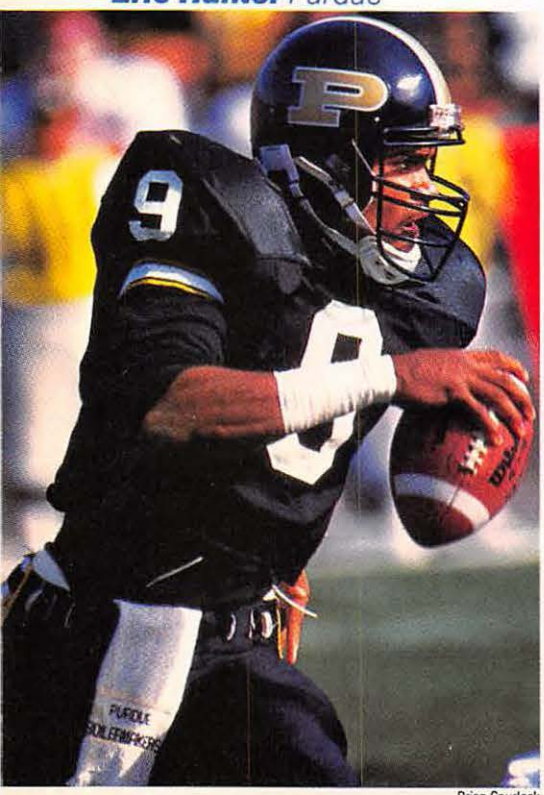
When Miami's Craig Erickson suffered an injury in his junior year, the Hurricanes were placed in the capable care of then-freshman **Gino Torretta**. Erickson was injury-free last fall, but the pros still recall Toretta's work with admiration. He is in their future book.

Elvis Grbac completed his sophomore season at Michigan by passing for four touchdowns against Mississippi during a 35–3 victory in the Gator Bowl. Ole Miss coach Billy Brewer was so impressed he said Michigan "is the best team we've ever played."

And finally, even without Rocket Ismail as a battery mate, junior **Rick Mirer** of Notre Dame will be closely watched.

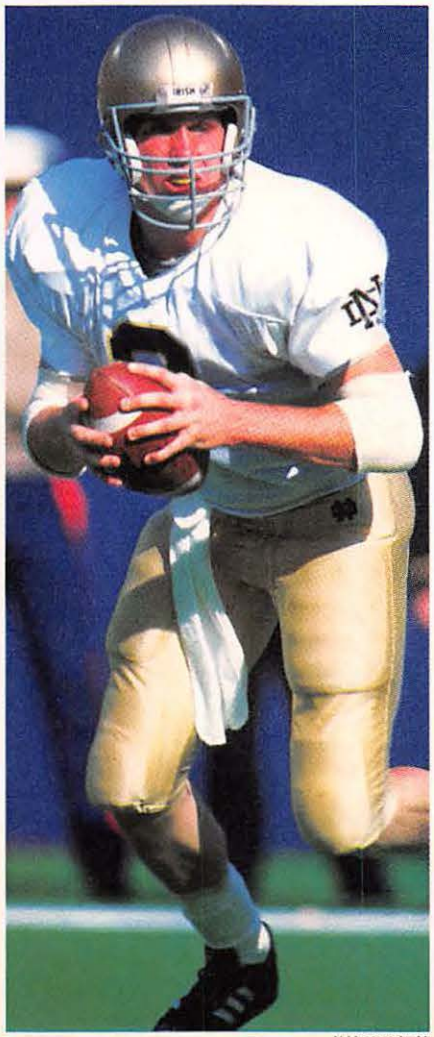
There are a lot of jobs waiting out there in the commercial football world. □

Eric Hunter *Purdue*



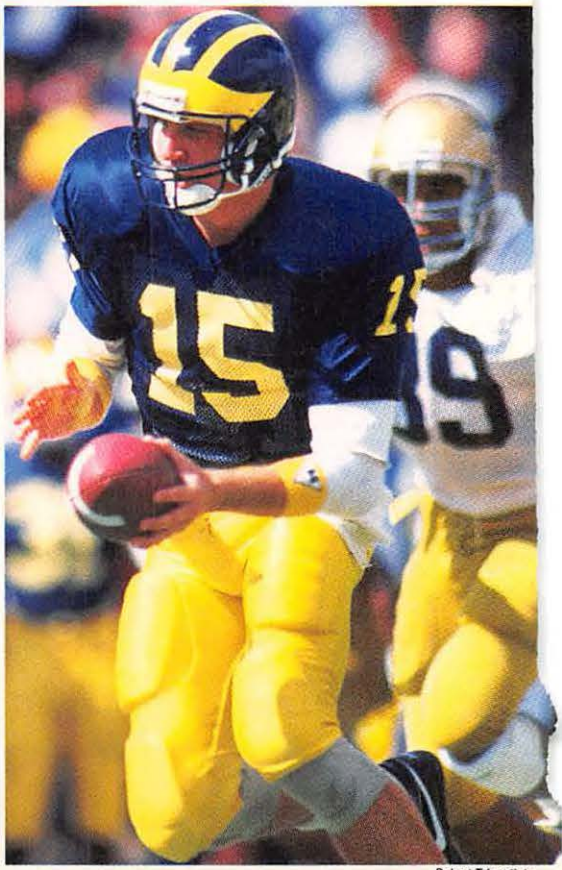
Brian Spurlock

Rick Mirer *Notre Dame*



Al Messerschmidt

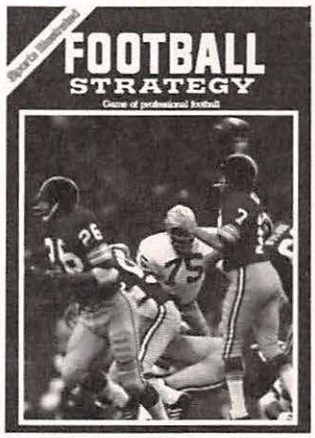
Elvis Grbac *Michigan*



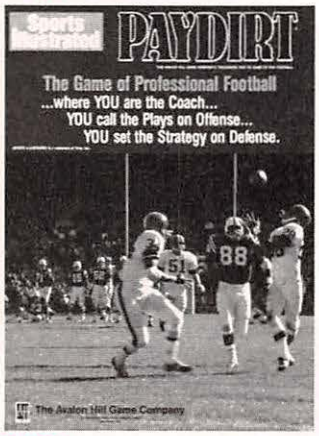
Robert Tringali Jr.

WHY 4 FOOTBALL GAMES?

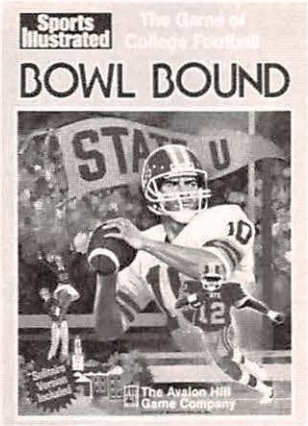
To give YOU a choice! Here are 4 great football board games that have stood the test of time!



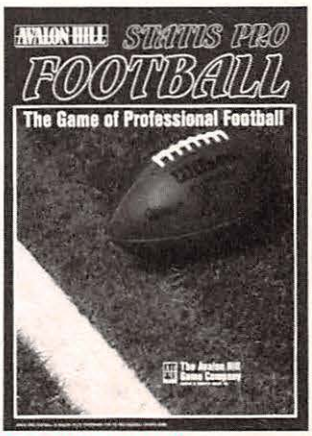
Would 30 years be a good test? That's how long **Football Strategy** has charmed table-top gamers. It's the first board game to emphasize defense as well as offense! Called by Sports Illustrated in 1961, *"the best football game ever invented."* The game of think and double-think! On defense you secretly select a defense you think will stop your opponent's next play. He, in turn, tries to outguess you by calling a play from among 20 on the matrix chart patterned after real pro plays. Each offense and defense selection is cross-indexed to obtain the gain or loss. An ad executive once said, *"when you can get top-notch ad men to pass up expense account luncheons to play **Football Strategy**, you have a real attraction going for you."* Another eulogized, *"as ex-college players, we have been attracted by many good football games, but none have approached the realism and excitement of **Football Strategy**."*



Paydirt—first published in 1976 and still going strong! **Paydirt** is FOOTBALL STRATEGY tailored to the 28 pro teams. Every pro team has been computer-analyzed—their strengths and weaknesses are coded onto special Play/Action Charts. These charts are your tickets to realistic action. With them you can call all the shots—on offense and defense—for every pro squad. You can replay the complete pro season, playoffs, Super Bowl...until your team wins it all. Maybe Hostetler and the Giants shouldn't have won the Super Bowl. **Paydirt** gives you the chance to find out who really belonged in the playoffs. Each team should produce as they did in real life. Except—you are the coach. And your decisions may be the difference between who makes it to the Super Bowl and which teams are the also-rans. If you already play **Paydirt**, simply order the 1990 Season Play/Action Charts only. Past seasons (listed below) also available.



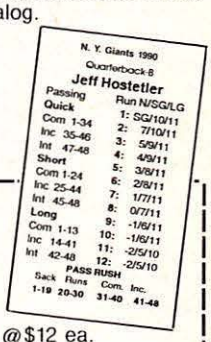
Bowl Bound is PAYDIRT tailored to college football. Now in its 3rd edition, the game comes complete with Play/Action Team Charts of what the computer says were the best 20 college teams of the 80's. Here, you can match up these great teams to find out who really was the greatest of the era. Each team's real-life performances have been encoded on both the Offense and Defense color-coded Team Charts for each team. The depth of this analysis is so great that we are confident you will find this game unrivaled for excitement and true-to-life results. However, because all 20 are nearly even in over-all ability, it is YOU, as coach, whose play choices make the difference. A few of the 20 teams you get include '88 Notre Dame, '87 Miami, '84 Brigham Young, and '83 Nebraska. If you already have this 3rd edition **Bowl Bound**, extra sets of Team Charts with teams that go back as far as 1941 are available (see below).



Statis Pro Football is the be-all and end-all of statistical football board games. It comes with individual "stat" cards for **every** player of **every** pro team including linemen—that's well over 1,000 Player Cards. It differs from other football board games in that YOU, as coach, determine which players play on each separate play. You assign your best blockers and tacklers to key areas, your best pass defenders to guard the opponent's best receivers, and your most explosive offensive threats to places where they can do the most damage.

If you already own **Statis Pro Football**, order the 1990 Season Player Cards only. Past seasons also available below.

For information on our **computer games** for the Mac, IBM, Apple and C-64 computers. Send for our Sports Catalog.



Available wherever games are sold. If not available locally, feel free to order direct.

The Avalon Hill Game Company
DIVISION OF MONARCH AVALON, INC.
Dept. SS-I, 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21214

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

Please Indicate Method of Payment: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Charge
☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa DO NOT SEND CASH

ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

Exp. Date _____ SIGNATURE _____

POSTAGE & HANDLING CHARGES:

If order totals:	ADD	If order totals:	ADD
up to $10.00	$3.00	$ 50.01 to $ 75.00	$ 7.00
$10.01 to $25.00	$4.00	$ 75.01 to $100.00	$ 8.00
$25.01 to $35.00	$5.00	$100.01 to $125.00	$ 9.00
$35.01 to $50.00	$6.00	$125.00 & Over	$10.00

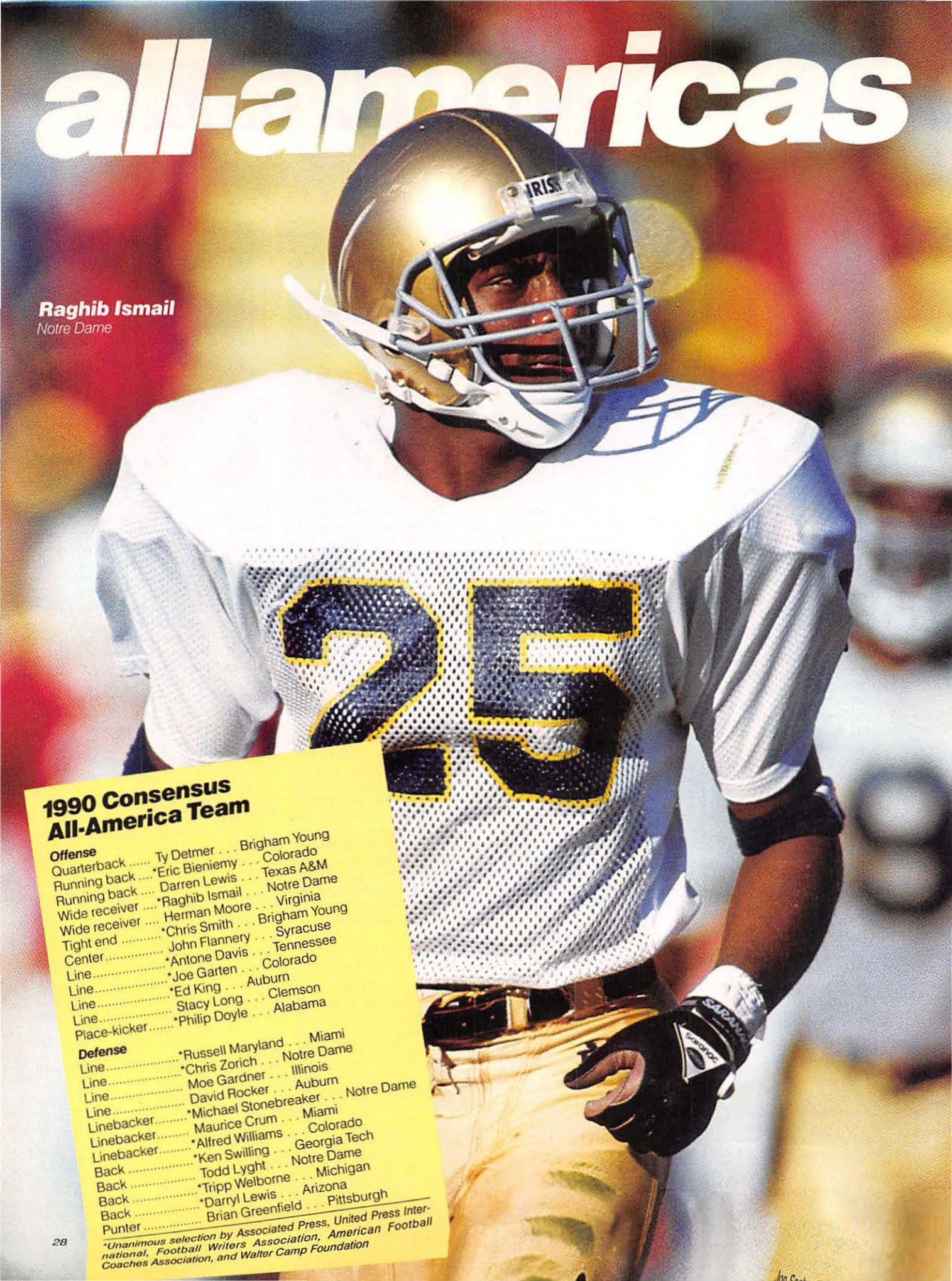
CANADA & MEXICO—double the above. ALL FOREIGN—triple the above.

For quick credit card purchasing, call TOLL FREE 1-800-999-3222

Please send me:

____ **Football Strategy** @$16
____ **Paydirt** @$25
____ **Bowl Bound** @$20
____ **Statis Pro Football** @$36
____ **Paydirt** Past Season Team Charts @$12 ea.
☐ 83 ☐ 84 ☐ 86 ☐ 87 ☐ 88 ☐ 89 ☐ 90
____ **Paydirt** Past Season Team Charts @$5 ea.
☐ 77 ☐ 80 ☐ 81 ☐ 85
____ **Bowl Bound** Team Charts @$12 ea.
☐ Team Set I (1960-70 teams)
☐ Team Set II (1941-78 teams)
____ **Statis Pro Football** Past Season Player Cards @$17 ea.
☐ 83 ☐ 85 ☐ 86 ☐ 87 ☐ 88 ☐ 89 ☐ 90
____ **Statis Pro Football** Past Season Player Cards @$15 ea.
☐ 57 ☐ 81

all-americas



Raghib Ismail
Notre Dame

1990 Consensus All-America Team

Offense

Quarterback	Ty Detmer	Brigham Young
Running back	*Eric Bieniemy	Colorado
Running back	Darren Lewis	Texas A&M
Wide receiver	*Raghib Ismail	Notre Dame
Wide receiver	Herman Moore	Virginia
Tight end	*Chris Smith	Brigham Young
Center	John Flannery	Syracuse
Line	*Antone Davis	Tennessee
Line	*Joe Garten	Colorado
Line	*Ed King	Auburn
Line	Stacy Long	Clemson
Place-kicker	*Philip Doyle	Alabama

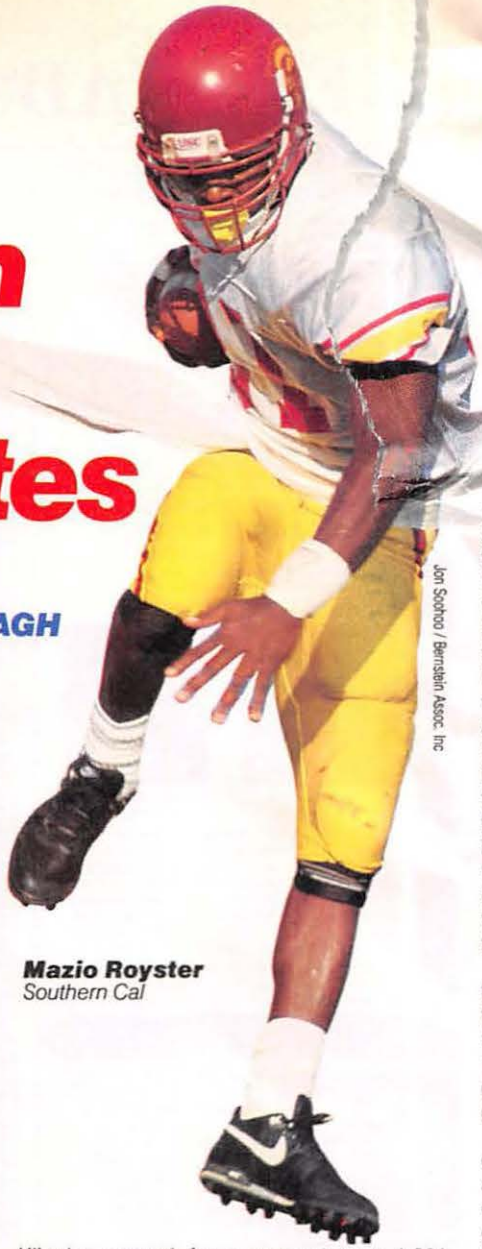
Defense

Line	*Russell Maryland	Miami
Line	*Chris Zorich	Notre Dame
Line	Moe Gardner	Illinois
Line	David Rocker	Auburn
Linebacker	*Michael Stonebreaker	Notre Dame
Linebacker	Maurice Crum	Miami
Linebacker	*Alfred Williams	Colorado
Back	*Ken Swilling	Georgia Tech
Back	Todd Lyght	Notre Dame
Back	*Tripp Welborne	Michigan
Back	*Darryl Lewis	Arizona
Punter	Brian Greenfield	Pittsburgh

*Unanimous selection by Associated Press, United Press International, Football Writers Association, American Football Coaches Association, and Walter Camp Foundation

Heisman Trophy Candidates

by GERARD KAVANAGH



Jon Soohoo / Bernstein Assoc. Inc

Mazio Royster
Southern Cal

The Heisman Trophy should be renamed the Junior Achievement Award. The last three winners took home college football's most prestigious honor in their third year in school: Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State in 1988, Andre Ware of Houston in '89, and **Ty Detmer** of Brigham Young last fall. Sanders and Ware chose not to stick around for their senior year, jumping instead to the National Football League. Detmer, however, the first player from the Mountain Time Zone to win the award, returned to Provo, UT, and thus could become the first two-time Heisman winner since Archie Griffin of Ohio State in 1974–75.

The most statistically impressive in a distinguished line of quarterbacks at BYU, Detmer led the nation in passing yardage (5,188) and was second in pass efficiency and total offense (418.5 yards per game) a year ago. He suffered separations to both shoulders in a Holiday Bowl loss to Texas A&M and had surgery in the offseason. But all reports label him as good as new heading into the fall. The holder of 42 records, Detmer needs just 446 yards to become the NCAA's all-time passing leader. He'll be operating without eight of the offensive starters who helped generate so much excitement in the Rockies last season as the Cougars face the stiffest schedule in school history: Florida State (*Street & Smith's* preseason No. 1) in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic, followed by road games with UCLA and Penn State prior to the Western Athletic Conference opponents.

Detmer's chief competition for individual honors should come from Houston senior quarterback **David Klingler**, who finished fifth in the Heisman vote. The understudy to Andre Ware in 1989, Klingler was elevated to the first string after Ware forfeited his final year of college eligibility to enter the NFL draft. Klingler promptly led the nation in total offense (474.64 yards per game), throwing for 5,140 yards and an NCAA-record 54 touchdowns. He had 48 completions against SMU last October, 11 touchdown tosses against Eastern Washington in November, and 716 yards passing against Arizona State in December. In Houston's intrasquad game this past spring, Klingler passed for a preposterous 1,901 yards and 17 TDs. The Cougars open the season at home against Louisiana Tech and travel to Illinois (where just one starter returns in its secondary) for their third game. In between is a road date with Miami, against whose formidable defense Detmer passed for 406 yards and three touchdowns last September.

In addition to Detmer and Klingler, two other juniors were among the top six in the Heisman balloting. Notre Dame tailback Raghib (Rocket) Ismail, the runner-up, gave up the amateur life when he signed with Toronto of the Canadian Football League. But unlike the legendary Argonauts, he obtained the golden fleece (a guaranteed $18 million) without encountering a single hazard. Herman Moore likewise surrendered his final season at Virginia to join the Detroit Lions.

Tico Duckett, Glyn Milburn, Mazio Royster, Shane Matthews, Shawn Jones, Alex Van Pelt, Elvis Grbac, Jason Verduzco, Stephen McGuire, Jeff Sydner, Tracy Good, and Marcus Grant are all highly rated skill-position players who will begin junior year this fall. Thus they merit Heisman consideration.

"I know the formula for winning the Heisman," said Michigan State coach George Perles. He plans to factor tailback **Tico Duckett** into the Spartans' offensive equation. The leading returning rusher in the nation, Duckett (1,394 yards) shared the position in 1990 with the departed Hyland Hickson, who also ran for 1,000 yards. "If Tico gains 2,000 yards, he's got a chance," said Perles. Michigan State was still looking for a quarterback to hand the ball to Duckett and pass it to Courtney Hawkins, who missed five games but still had 31 catches for 474 yards. He also returns punts and kickoffs.

Glyn Milburn of Stanford returns kicks. He took a punt back 73 yards against Colorado in the Cardinal opener before being caught at the one-yard line. That was the first time Milburn had touched the ball in a game in over a year, for he had to sit out a season following his transfer from Oklahoma. Milburn might be the most exciting and versatile runner since Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers, the Heisman winner in 1972. He was No. 1 in the nation in all-purpose yardage (2,222), second in the Pac-10 in punt returns (11.1 yards) and third in kickoff returns (24.7) and was named first-team all-conference as a runner and second-team as a kick returner. "Glyn has established himself as the finest all-around offensive threat in college football," said Stanford coach Dennis Green. "He is a jack-of-all-trades and has the characteristics to master them all."

Mazio Royster is the Pac-10's leading returning rusher. He got a late start, taking over for the injured Ricky Ervins in Southern Cal's fourth game and finishing the season with 1,168 yards, only the third Trojan sophomore (after Anthony Davis and Charles White) to gain 1,000 yards.

Florida's **Shane Matthews**, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, passed for a school-record 2,952 yards as the Gators averaged 452.6 yards and 35.2 points per game. He is one of seven returning starters for coach Steve Spurrier, whose team is now eligible for the league championship.

Georgia Tech won a share of the national championship thanks in large part to quarterback **Shawn Jones**, who directed an offense that produced a school-record 2,285 yards and 379 points, the most at Tech since 1918. The MVP of the Yellow Jackets' 45–21 Florida Citrus Bowl victory over Nebraska, Jones has been compared to the Philadelphia Eagles' Randall Cunningham for his versatility and his penchant for the spectacular play.

All-East quarterback **Alex Van Pelt** is only the second player in Pitt history to throw for more than 2,000 yards in consecutive seasons. "Alex had a very good freshman year when we had a strong running attack with Curvin Richards," said Panthers' coach Paul Hackett. "He did not have as good a year last season, when Curvin was hurt. When you play with a top runner, your job becomes easier." Van Pelt will play this fall without Richards, who skipped ahead to the NFL, but the other nine offensive starters return.

Elvis Grbac set a Michigan mark with 21 touchdown passes, including four in the Gator

Brian Spurlock

Dave Black

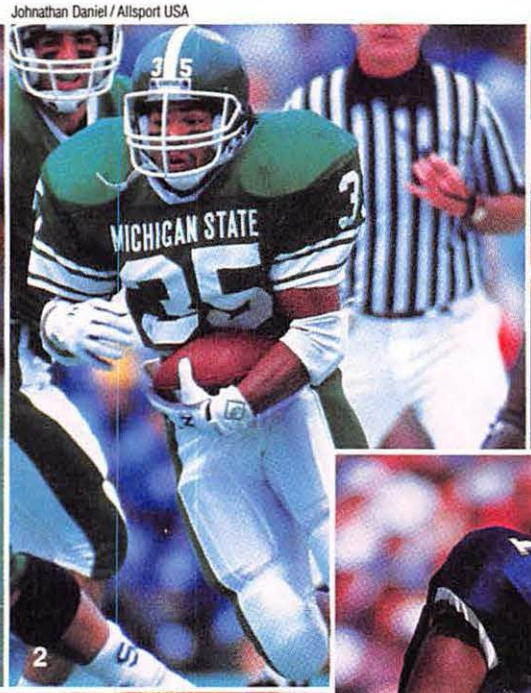
C. Rydlewski / Sportschrome, Inc.

1 Courtney Hawkins, Michigan State 2 Tico Duckett, Michigan State 3 Matt LaBounty, Oregon 4 Joel Steed, Colorado 5 Stephen McGuire, Miami 6 Ken Swilling, Georgia Tech 7 Carlos Huerta, Miami 8 Robert Smith, Ohio State 9 Marco Coleman, Georgia Tech 10 Steve Emtman, Washington

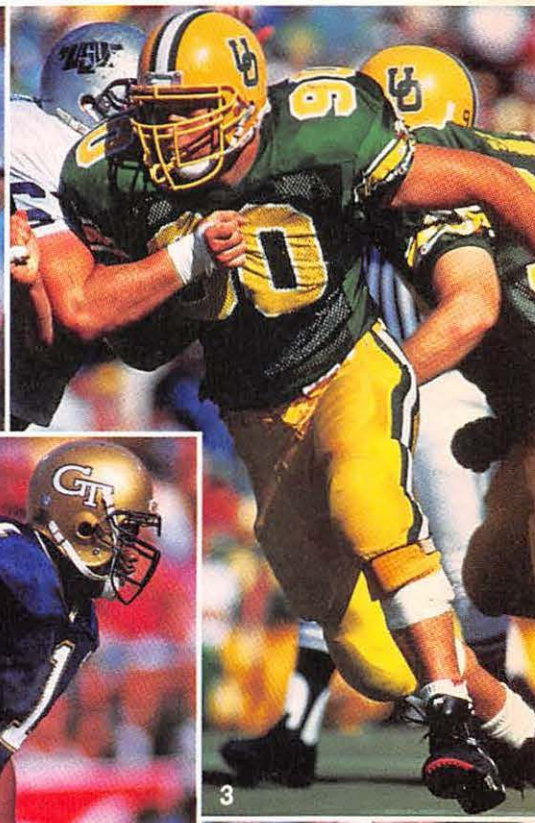
Johnathan Daniel / Allsport USA

John Giustina

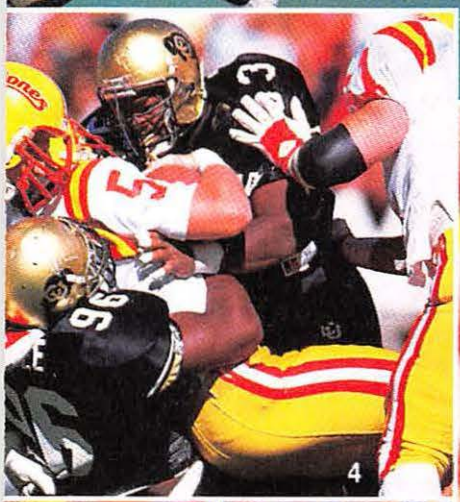
1



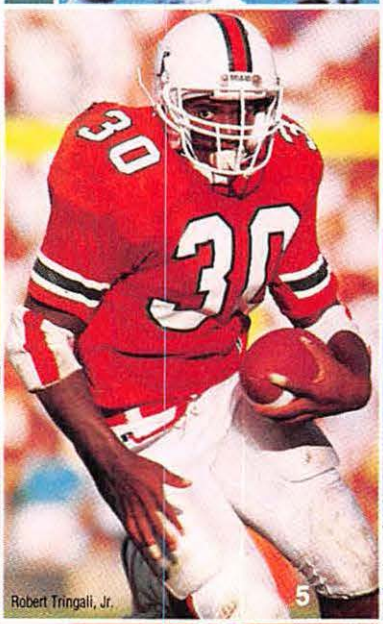
2



3

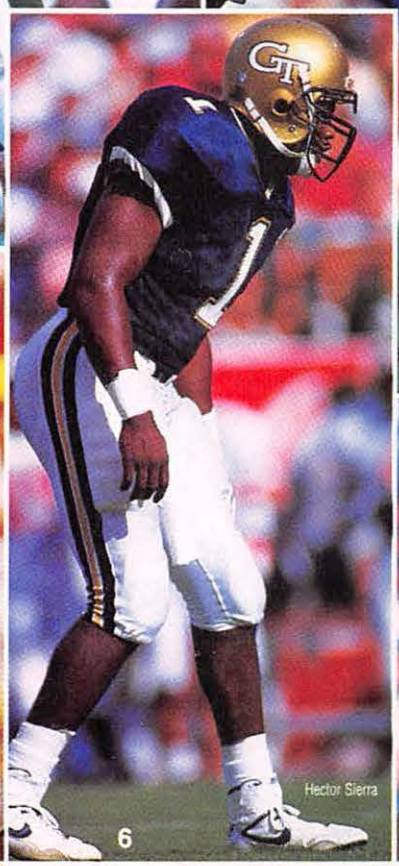


4



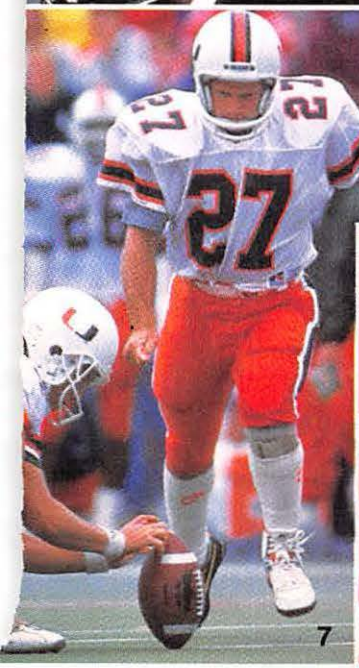
Robert Tringali, Jr.

5

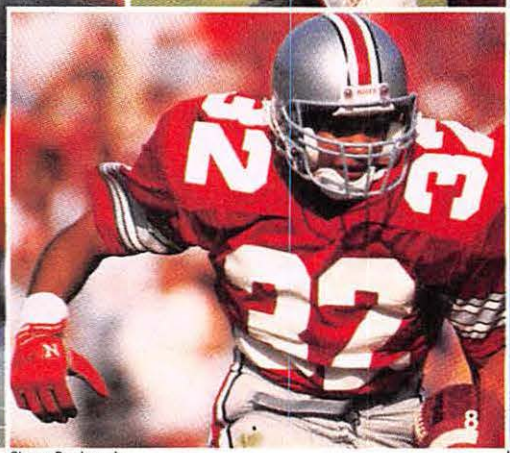


Hector Sierra

6

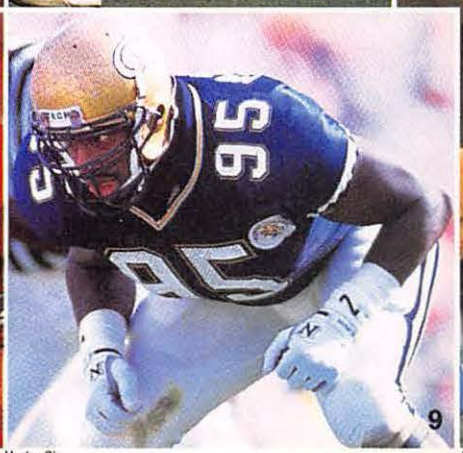


7



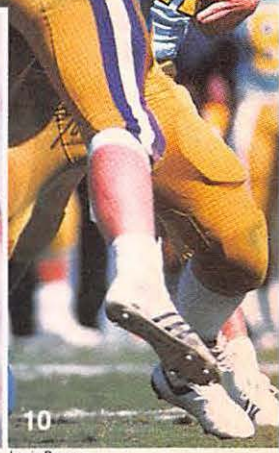
8

Chance Brockway Jr.



9

Hector Sierra



10

Louis Raynor

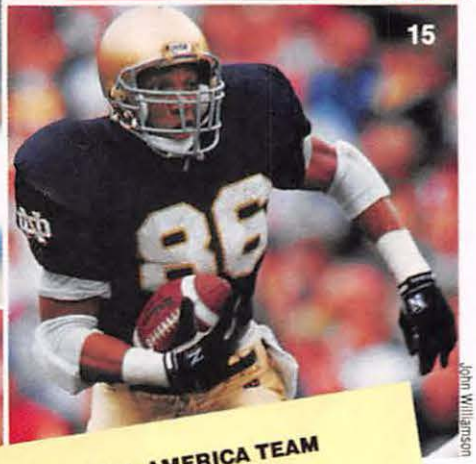
Heisman Trophy Candidates

Hector Sierra

Jon Soohoo / Bernstein, Assoc. Inc.

Sportschrome East / West

Keith Simonian



John Williamson

***11** Jason Belser, Oklahoma **12** Russell White, California **13** Bob Whitfield, Stanford **14** Glyn Milburn, Stanford **15** Derek Brown, Notre Dame*

Bowl blowout of Mississippi. He'll be looking for Desmond Howard, one of the top receivers in the country, who had 63 catches for 1,025 yards and 11 TDs, plus a 95-yard kickoff return for a score against Michigan State. Flanker Derrick Alexander added 31 receptions for 450 yards and six TDs for the Wolverines.

Jason Verduzco led the Big Ten is passing a year ago. He was called upon to replace Jeff George, who left Illinois a year early and became the top choice in the 1990 NFL draft, and responded with 2,567 yards and 16 TDs.

Miami must replace quarterback Craig Erickson, but the backfield returns bruising fullback **Stephen McGuire** (621 yards). With 21 touchdowns in his first two seasons, he could be the Hurricanes' top runner since Ottis Anderson and the first since Anderson in 1978 to gain 1,000 yards.

If Detmer was the first player from the Mountain Time Zone to win the Heisman, **Jeff Sydner** of Hawaii could be the first candidate off the mainland to be considered for the Trophy. He led the WAC and was fifth nationally in 1990 in all-purpose running (163 yards per game). He had 390 yards rushing, 820 receiving, and 748 in kick returns.

Tracy Good and **Marcus Grant** should command attention this fall simply because they will be on the receiving end of Klingler's tosses. They combined for a modest 104 receptions in the run-and-shoot offense in '90, but Grant collected 943 yards in receptions (*yes, 943 yards*) in that spring scrimmage.

Of course, the Heisman Trophy won't necessarily be won by a junior. Senior quarterbacks **Andy Kelly** of Tennessee, **Casey Weldon** of Florida State, and **Matt Rodgers** of Iowa should have something to say about individual and team honors this fall. Kelly completed 59 percent of his passes for 2,241 yards and earned a reputation for clutch play, as exemplified by his drive for the clinching touchdown in the Vols' 23–22 Sugar Bowl victory. Weldon went undefeated after winning the starting job at midseason. Third in the nation in passing efficiency, he threw for 1,600 yards and 12 TDs with just four interceptions and is called "a young Joe Montana" by his coach, Bobby Bowden. Rodgers passed for 2,228 yards and 15 touchdowns and ran for nine more scores for the Hawkeyes.

Pat Rowe of San Diego State is the leading returning receiver in the country (71 for 1,392 yards and 8 TDs). He carries an NCAA record of nine consecutive games with at least 100 yards receiving into the fall. **Derek Brown** was Notre Dame's second-leading receiver, behind Rocket Ismail. He plays the less glamorous position of tight end, but at 6-7 and 243 pounds he is an unmistakable target and a devastating blocker.

A trio of sophomores are worthy of recognition for their exploits as freshmen. **Robert**

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Offense

QB	Ty Detmer	Sr.	BYU
RB	Glyn Milburn	Jr.	Stanford
RB	Russell White	Soph.	California
WR	Courtney Hawkins	Sr.	Michigan State
WR	Patrick Rowe	Sr.	San Diego State
TE	Derek Brown	Sr.	Notre Dame
OL	Greg Skrepenak	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Bob Whitfield	Jr.	Stanford
OL	Ray Roberts	Sr.	Virginia
OL	Mirko Jurkovic	Sr.	Notre Dame
OL	Jay Leeuwenberg	Sr.	Colorado
PK	Carolos Huerta	Sr.	Miami

Defense

DL	Joel Steed	Sr.	Colorado
DL	Shane Dronett	Jr.	Texas
DL	Santana Dotson	Sr.	Baylor
DL	Steve Emtman	Jr.	Washington
LB	Levon Kirkland	SR.	Clemson
LB	Erick Anderson	SR.	Michigan
LB	Steve Tovar	Soph.	Ohio State
DB	Ken Swilling	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DB	Will White	Jr.	Florida
DB	Lance Gunn	Jr.	Texas
DB	Dale Carter	Sr.	Tennessee
P	Jason Hanson	Sr.	Washington St.

SECOND TEAM

Offense

QB	David Klingler	Sr.	Houston
RB	Tico Duckett	Jr.	Michigan State
RB	Mazio Royster	Jr.	Southern Cal
WR	Rodney Blackshear	Sr.	Texas Tech
WR	Desmond Howard	Sr.	Michigan
TE	Kelly Blackwell	Sr.	TCU
OL	Leon Searcy	Sr.	Miami
OL	Mike Gisler	Sr.	Houston
OL	Lincoln Kennedy	Jr.	Washington
OL	Monte Jones	Sr.	Baylor
OL	Cal Dixon	Sr.	Florida
PK	Roman Anderson	Sr.	Houston

Defense

DL	Chris Slade	Jr.	Virginia
DL	Stacey Satterwhite	Sr.	Oklahoma St.
DL	Alonzo Spellman	Jr.	Ohio St.
DL	James Patton	Sr.	Texas
LB	Darrin Smith	Jr.	Miami
LB	Donald Jones	Jr.	Washington
LB	Marvin Jones	Soph.	Florida St.
DB	Terrell Buckley	Jr.	Florida St.
DB	Darren Perry	Sr.	Penn State
DB	Jerry Parks	Sr.	Houston
DB	Jason Belser	Sr.	Oklahoma
P	Craig Hentrich	Jr.	Notre Dame

Smith of Ohio State piled up 1,126 rushing yards and eight touchdowns and has excited Buckeye fans more than any tailback since Archie Griffin. **Russell White** of California shared running chores with Anthony Wallace a year ago, but like Duckett and Hickson at Michigan State, each gained 1,000 yards. White still finished seventh in the nation in all-purpose yards (159.6), returned his first home kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown against Miami, and became the first player ever to earn first-team all-Pac-10 honors without starting a single game. Quarterback **Tommy Maddox** of UCLA outperformed crosstown rival Todd Marinovich of Southern Cal. He was first-team frosh All-America, one of 10 finalists for the Davey O'Brien Award, and finished second in the Pac-10 and 20th nationally in passing efficiency (2,682 yards and 17 TDs). □

HONORABLE MENTION

Offense

QB—Mark Brunell, Jr., Washington; Bobby Fuller, Sr., South Carolina; Marvin Graves, Soph., Syracuse; Elvis Grbac, Jr., Michigan; Darian Hagan, Sr., Colorado; Shawn Jones, Jr., Georgia Tech; Eric Hunter, Jr., Purdue; Andy Kelly, Sr., Tennessee; Troy Kopp, Jr., Pacific; Tommy Maddox, Soph., UCLA: Shane Matthews, Jr., Florida; Jason Palumbis, Sr., Stanford; Matt Rodgers, Sr., Iowa; Alex Van Pelt, Jr., Pittsburgh; Jason Verduzco, Jr., Illinois; Casey Weldon, Sr., Florida State; Stan White, Soph., Auburn

RB—Edgar Bennett, Sr., Florida State; Trevor Cobb, Jr., Rice; Butch Hadnot, Soph., Texas; Garrison Hearst, Soph., Georgia; Stephen McGuire, Jr., Miami; Robert Smith, Soph., Ohio State; Siran Stacy, Sr., Alabama; Jeff Snyder, Jr., Hawaii

WR—Tracy Good, Jr., Houston; Marcus Grant, Jr., Houston; Eric Henley, Sr., Rice; Todd Kinchen, Sr., LSU; Carl Pickens, Jr., Tennessee; Michael Smith, Sr., Kansas State; Terry Smith, Sr., Penn State; Lamar Thomas, Jr., Miami; Olanda Truitt, Jr., Pittsburgh

TE—Mark Chmura, Sr., Boston College; Todd Harrison, Sr., North Carolina State; John Henry Mills, Jr., Wake Forest; Johnny Mitchell, Soph., Nebraska

OL—Eugene Chung, Sr., Virginia Tech; Jeb Flesch, Sr., Clemson; Jim Johnson, Sr., Michigan State; Greg Lahr, Sr., Kentucky; Everett Lindsay, Jr., Mississippi; Russ McCullough, Sr., Missouri; John Ray, Sr., West Virginia; Tim Simpson, Sr., Illinois; John Turnpaugh, Sr., Baylor

PK—J.D. Carlson, Sr., Michigan; Dan Eichlof, Soph., Kansas; Clint Gwaltney, Sr., North Carolina; Todd Wright, Jr., Arkansas

Defense

DL—Marc Boutte, Sr., LSU; Keith Hamilton, Jr., Pittsburgh; Robin Jones, Sr., Baylor; Matt LaBounty, Sr., Oregon; George Rooks, Sr., Syracuse; Larry Webster, Sr., Maryland; George Williams, Sr., Notre Dame; Jeff Zgonia, Sr., Purdue

LB—Kurt Barber, Sr., Southern Cal; Greg Biekert, Jr., Colorado; Eric Blount, Jr., Houston; Joe Bowden, Sr., Oklahoma; Marco Coleman, Jr., Georgia Tech; Anthony Davis, Sr., Utah, Mark D'Onofrio, Sr., Penn State; Earnest Fields, Sr., Tennessee; Ron George, Jr., Stanford; Keith Goganious, Sr., Penn State; Steve Grant, Sr., West Virginia; Dwight Hollier, Sr., North Carolina; Ricardo McDonald, Sr., Pittsburgh; Santo Stephens, Sr., Temple; John Sullins, Sr., Alabama; Ed Sutter, Sr., Northwestern

DB—Ray Buchanan, Jr., Louisville; Matt Darby, Sr., UCLA; Deon Figures, Jr., Colorado; Chauncey Godwin, Sr., Mississippi; Derriel McCorvey, Jr., LSU; Marquez Pope, Sr., Fresno State; Marlon Primous, Sr., Illinois; Damien Russell, Sr., Virginia Tech; Erwin Sampson, Sr., Duke; Tracy Saul, Jr., Texas Tech; Kevin Smith, Sr., Texas A&M; Phillippi Sparks, Sr., Arizona State; Paul Wallace, Jr., Wyoming; Darryl Williams, Jr., Miami

P—Jason Christ, Sr., Air Force; David Lawrence, Jr., Vanderbilt; Scott McAlister, Sr., North Carolina; Mike Riley, Sr., Mississippi State; Trent Thompson, Sr., Temple; Klaus Wilmsmeyer, Sr., Louisville

We hope you'll visit our oldtime distillery one of these days and say hello to the folks who make Jack Daniel's.

ON PHOTO DAY at Jack Daniel Distillery we like playing practical jokes, especially on one another.

From the look of things, someone sneaked some sawdust in our new distiller's cap. And, rest assured, it won't be long before he does something to even the score. You see, playing practical jokes is a part of life here at Jack Daniel's. So is making whiskey in the rare, rare way our friends have come to expect. And, we promise, none of these gentlemen would ever joke around about that—no matter what day it is.

SMOOTH SIPPIN'
TENNESSEE WHISKEY

Tennessee Whiskey • 40-43% alcohol by volume (80-86 proof) • Distilled and Bottled by Jack Daniel Distillery, Lem Motlow, Proprietor, Route 1, Lynchburg (Pop 361), Tennessee 37352

Placed in the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Government.

U.S. Army Reserve salutes the nation's high school stars

Street & Smith's 1991 High School All-America Team

If the 10th annual 50-player *Street & Smith's College Football* High School All-America team has a familiar ring to it, there's a reason: Several of the honorees have fathers, brothers, or cousins making sports-page news.

Consider the eight quarterbacks. Chuck Clements of Huntsville, TX, is following in the footsteps of brother Steve, a record-setting 1989 quarterback and *Street & Smith's* honoree who's now at the University of Texas. Chris Walsh of Cretin-Derham High in St. Paul, MN, is breaking all of the school records set by brother Steve, a former University of Miami quarterback now with the New Orleans Saints. Kevin Foley of Cherry Hill, NJ, East High is regarded as a better prep quarterback than brother Glen, the current Boston College starter. Eric Boykin of Meadowdale High in Dayton, OH, has four cousins playing major-college football. Ted Stark of South Medford, OR, who plays quarterback, defensive back, and punts, is a brother of touted Stanford tennis player Jonathan Stark. And defensive back Bobby Taylor of Longview, TX, is the son of the 1972 Olympic silver-medalist sprinter.

Obviously, athletic talent flows in the families, but all 50 members of our preseason team—based on coast-to-coast recommendations from prep writers, scouts, and college and high school coaches—boast impressive credentials. For example, the quarterbacks:

Boykin, a three-sport performer with a B-plus academic average, passed for 2,490 yards and 22 touchdowns last season.

by DOUG HUFF
WHEELING INTELLIGENCER

Clements, a first-team Class 5A all-stater and B-average student, connected on 200 of 362 passes for 2,919 yards and 29 TDs.

Chad Davis of Torrey Pines High in Del Mar, CA, could threaten some national career aerial records this season. In his first three years, including two at Palm Springs High, he has completed 485 of 783 passes for 6,953 yards and 57 TDs with only nine interceptions. A three-sport athlete with B-average grades, Davis chalked up 1,957 yards last season while playing, like Clements, for his father-coach.

Ryan Driscoll led Iowa state champion Marion Linn-Mar to a 13-0 record by passing for 2,200 yards and 22 TDs. A three-sport athlete with B-plus grades, he might try both baseball and football in college.

Foley set a South New Jersey record with 2,626 passing yards last season while earning all-state recognition. He tossed 23 TD passes and completed over 60 percent of his throws.

Rodney Hudson of LaGrange, GA, is a pass-run threat with 4,962 total yards and 56 touchdowns, including 3,979 passing yards and 42 TDs the last two years.

Deondre Singleton was a rare junior first-team all-stater in Illinois as he led perennial state title contender East St. Louis with 2,479 passing yards and 33 touchdowns with only five interceptions.

Walsh, another three-sport stalwart with B-plus academics, opened some eyes by passing for 2,515 yards and 23 TDs with a 60 percent completion ratio and only six interceptions last season.

Three of the four Utility Player selections also competed as quarterbacks.

Stark, a basketball standout and golfer and an A-minus student, was an all-star on offense, defense, and as a punter.

Some Florida observers feel Tommie Frazier of Bradenton Manatee is the best option quarterback anywhere after he led the Hurricanes to a 12-1 record and the state's top offensive output. He passed for 1,553 yards and 13 touchdowns and rushed for 793 yards and 18 TDs while scoring 124 points. The four-sport performer also returned kicks. He earned all-state honors as well as being the only junior on the all-South selections of the *Orlando Sentinel*.

Mark Smith has earned Missouri all-state recognition as a Webb City linebacker and quarterback the last two seasons. On offense, he passed for 19 touchdowns with only four interceptions and rushed for 33 TDs in two seasons.

Leon High of Tallahassee, FL, is home to do-it-all Tamarick Vanover, who earned all-state recognition last season while playing running back, defensive back, wide receiver and kick returner. He chalked up 1,989 all-purpose yards, including 930 rushing and 655 receiving, while scoring 20 TDs.

Here is a summary of the remainder of the Top 50 honor roll:

RECEIVERS

Jason Curry is a three-sport performer and B-average student at Montclair, NJ, and earned all-state football recognition last fall while grabbing 28 passes for 647 yards and seven TDs.

Indiana's top senior college prospect could be Derrick Mayes of North Central High in Indianapolis after he earned all-state plaudits as a junior while catching 45 passes for 710 yards and five TDs.

At John Marshall High in Oklahoma City, OK, observers feel they have the top receiver around in all-stater Mike McDaniels, who hauled in 56 passes for 1,067 yards and 12 TDs last season. The B-student has timed 10.6 seconds for 100 meters and is a basketball standout.

Union High won the South Carolina Class 4A title with a 14-1 record last fall and a main reason was Monty Means, who caught 52 passes for 1,090 yards and 12 TDs.

The top college prospect in Northern California could be Amani Toomer, who had 35 receptions for 793 yards and 13 TDs during a 13-0 record season at Concord De La Salle last fall. Toomer also finds time to compete in basketball and track.

At Westlake, LA, High, fans get used to seeing a 6-foot-6, 260-pound tight end. He's David LaFleur, who also plays defensive end and linebacker. The B-student is a weightman during track season.

The No. 1 student in the senior class at Garden City High in Kansas is Jim Moore, a straight-A teen in the classroom as well as in football, basketball, and baseball. As a tight end, he grabbed 20 passes for 379 yards. He is also a touted linebacker.

RUNNING BACKS

Steve Anderson of Downingtown, PA, averaged 45 yards for each of his 20 touchdown runs last season while gaining 1,556 yards on 176 carries. Dwayne Chandler of Aberdeen, MS, rushed for 1,551 yards and 22 TDs on 191 yards and draws raves from all the scouts.

The top back in Alabama is Robert Davis of Homewood High in Birmingham, who enters his senior season with 4,110 yards and 47 TDs on 650 carries. Last season, he led the state Class 5A runner-up team with 2,268 yards and 33 TDs, including five on kick returns. Steve Davis of Spartanburg, SC, is a 6-3, 215-pound sprinter who rushed for 1,536 yards and 18 TDs as a junior after winning the state 100-meter dash title in 10.4 seconds as a sophomore.

Jeff Godley of Sam Houston High in Arlington, TX, tied the state record held by Billy Sims by rushing 441 times last season. Godley gained a Class-5A-best 2,564 yards. Chris Jaquillard was selected the Ohio Back of the Year after rushing for a Toledo city-record 1,993 yards for Woodward High last season. The previous mark was held by past *Street & Smith's* selection Chuck Webb, who later starred at the University of Tennessee. Jaguillard enters his final season with 3,430 career yards.

Essex Law averaged 10.9 yards per carry for Rochester, PA, High last season and added three kickoff-return TDs for good measure. Robert Toomer is Georgia's top back after gaining 5,422 yards and scoring 70 TDs with 906 career carries for Worth County High of Sylvester.

KICKER

The nation's top kicking prospect competes for an eight-player California program. He's Eric Abrams, who sports an A-plus average at La Jolla Country Day school. Last season, he kicked 98 of 103 kickoffs into the end zone and coverted 74 of 79 PATs (with 125 for his career). He has a 53-yard field goal and kicked a 65-yarder in summer camp competition. For every kick he makes in a game, he raises money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation for terminally-ill patients.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Some scouts feel the No. 1 prospect in the nation is a two-sport standout at Bakersfield High in California, which went 13-0 last season and is a riding a 39-game victory streak after sending nine seniors to Division I college football programs. He's all-stater Jeff Buckey, who bench presses 400 pounds and sports an A-plus average. In track, he tossed the discus a U.S.-best 210 feet early last spring.

Another California standout is Joe Wells of Arroyo Grande, a four-year regular who is of Cherokee Indian heritage.

Pennsylvania also has two offensive line honorees in returning all-staters Harvey Pennypacker of Boyertown and Jeff Craig of Connellsville, who also is No. 1 in his class with a straight-A average. Both are heavyweight wrestlers, too.

Ohio's top lineman is Korey Stringer, who impressed as Warren Harding won the state Division I title with a 14-0 record.

Newport High of Bellevue, WA, was state runner-up as 15-year-old Ryan Padgett showed promise of things to come. Also a skier, he boasts a 3.9 grade average. The No. 1 offensive lineman in a state noted for interior talent is Thomas Guynes of Bishop McNamara in Kankakee, IL. He's a three-sport star.

For exceptional size, check out the District of Columbia and Bradenton, FL. In D.C., Jonathan Ogden (6-9, 320 pounds) is a B-student at St. Albans and also a standout track weightman. At Southeast High in Bradenton, Reggie Green (6-8, 310) earned all-state recognition as a 16-year-old junior as the college scouts started to line up.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The top line prospect in Alabama is Kendrick Burton of Hartselle, who dominates the defensive line of scrimmage when not play-

ing tight end. At 6-6, 270 pounds, he also holds several school weightlifting records.

Three other Southern man-mountains along the line are Marcus Jones of Southwest High in Jacksonville, NC; Will Lyell of Brandon, MS; and Ronell Williams of Bayside High in Virginia Beach, VA. Jones is a three-sport performer who charted 18 sacks, 16 tackles for losses, three blocked kicks, and scored four defensive TDs last season. Lyell is a 3.9 student and all-state returnee courted by numerous colleges. Williams, who was the Most Valuable Player on Bayside's state championsip basketball squad last season, is a defensive nightmare for most opponents who caused 13 fumbles, blocked 15 pass attempts, and scored four TDs in 14 games the last two years.

LINEBACKERS

James Gillyard is labeled by some Shreveport, LA, observers as the finest football player in that area since the days of quarterbacks Joe Ferguson and Terry Bradshaw. Also a basketball and track standout, the Woodlawn High B-average student has played wide receiver and defensive back. He returned two punts and two pass interceptions for TDs last season and had 16 tackles for losses plus six fumble recoveries.

The top prospect in Arizona already has given the University of Southern California a verbal grant-in-aid commitment. He's Jon McGee of state runner-up Amphitheater High in Tucson, alma mater of Los Angeles Raider linebacker Riki Ellison.

The top prospects in Missouri and Michigan are linebackers: Ed Morrow of McCluer High in Florissant, MO, and Antonio Ragland of Chadsey High in Detroit. Morrow, a three-sport athlete and football all-stater, recorded 135 tackles and six pass interceptions last season. Ragland, an all-city football honoree and basketball performer, was also a dominating figure at tight end.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Bobby Taylor may be the top senior prospect in talent-rich Texas. The Longview athlete with a B-average has blocked six punts in two seasons and last year returned two pass interceptions and three kickoffs for TDs. He also plays wide receiver and running back. A four-year basketball regular, he starred in track as a sophomore when he was a member of a 1,600-meter relay unit which clocked a U.S.-best 3:11.06 time.

Shawn Summers set a school-record rushing total of 1,825 yards for tradition-rich Oak Ridge, TN, last fall. But he excels on both sides of the ball. He has gained 3,009 yards and scored 33 TDs in two seasons and stars as a free safety.

Sean Hamlet is a three-sport perfomer for perennial Virginia power Hampton and earned first-team all-state for the state runner-up team. He returned three punts for TDs and also handled receiver duties.

Laquan Harris is a multitalented two-way perfomer for Elizabeth, NJ, which expects to have one of the state's better teams this fall.

Street & Smith's Top 50 High School Seniors of 1991

QUARTERBACKS	ht.	wt.	high school	home town
Eric Boykin	6-3	200	Meadowdale	Dayton, OH
Chuck Clements	6-3	170	Huntsville	Huntsville, TX
Chad Davis	6-2	180	Torrey Pines	Del Mar, CA
Ryan Driscoll	6-4	190	Linn-Mar	Marion, IA
Kevin Foley	6-1	175	East	Cherry Hill, NJ
Rodney Hudson	6-2	175	LaGrange	LaGrange, GA
Deondre Singleton	6-1	185	East St. Louis	East St. Louis, IL
Chris Walsh	6-3	190	Cretin-Derham Hall	St. Paul, MN
RUNNING BACKS				
Steve Anderson	6-1	205	Downingtown	Downingtown, PA
Dwayne Chandler	6-0	205	Aberdeen	Aberdeen, MS
Robert Davis	5-10	175	Homewood	Birmingham, AL
Steve Davis	6-3	215	Spartanburg	Spartanburg, SC
Jeff Godley	5-11	195	Sam Houston	Arlington, TX
Chris Jaquillard	6-1	200	Woodward	Toledo, OH
Essex Law	6-1	210	Rochester	Rochester, PA
Robert Toomer	5-11	205	Worth County	Sylvester, GA
UTILITY PLAYERS				
Tommie Frazier	6-0	188	Manatee	Bradenton, FL
Mark Smith	6-3	220	Webb City	Webb City, MO
Ted Stark	6-4	195	South Medford	Medford, OR
Tamarick Vanover	6-2	190	Leon	Tallahassee, FL
WIDE RECEIVERS				
Jason Curry	6-4	215	Montclair	Montclair, NJ
Derrick Mayes	6-2	190	North Central	Indianapolis, IN
Mike McDaniel	6-2	210	John Marshall	Oklahoma City, OK
Monty Means	6-3	185	Union	Union, SC
Amani Toomer	6-3	175	De LaSalle	Concord, CA
TIGHT ENDS				
David LaFleur	6-6	260	Westlake	Westlake, LA
Jim Moore	6-3	225	Garden City	Garden City, KS
KICKER				
Eric Abrams	5-8	170	La Jolla Country Day	La Jolla, CA
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN				
Jeff Buckey	6-5	282	Bakersfield	Bakersfield, CA
Jeff Craig	6-6	275	Connellsville	Connellsville, PA
Reggie Green	6-8	310	Southeast	Bradenton, FL
Thomas Guynes	6-5	275	Bishop McNamara	Kankakee, IL
Jonathan Ogden	6-9	320	St. Albans	Washington, DC
Ryan Padgett	6-3	260	Newport	Bellevue, WA
Harvey Pennypacker	6-5	245	Boyertown	Boyertown, PA
Korey Stringer	6-4	285	Harding	Warren, OH
Joe Wells	6-4	285	Arroyo Grande	Arroyo Grande, CA
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN				
Kendrick Burton	6-6	270	Hartselle	Hartselle, AL
Anthony Jones	6-5	250	Richards	Oak Lawn, IL
Marcus Jones	6-6	245	Southwest	Jacksonville, NC
Will Lyell	6-5	245	Brandon	Brandon, MS
Ronell Williams	6-5	245	Bayside	Virginia Beach, VA
LINEBACKERS				
James Gillyard	6-3	225	Woodlawn	Shreveport, LA
Jon McGee	6-3	225	Amphitheater	Tucson, AZ
Ed Morrow	6-4	225	McCluer	Florissant, MO
Antonio Ragland	6-4	235	Chadsey	Detroit, MI
DEFENSIVE BACKS				
Sean Hamlet	6-2	185	Hampton	Hampton, VA
Laquan Harris	6-3	195	Elizabeth	Elizabeth, NJ
Shawn Summers	5-10	180	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge, TN
Bobby Taylor	6-4	190	Longview	Longview, TX

ARMY RESERVE. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.

Other prep seniors to watch

QUARTERBACKS

high school *home town*

Lester Anderson . . Lincoln . . East St. Louis, IL
Darnell Bracy . . East . . Youngstown, OH
Fred Brown . . Hampton . . Hampton, VA
Mike Cherry . . Texarkana . . Texarkana, AR
Aaron Cisar . . Magnolia . . New Martinsville, WV
Floyd Coleman . . Thornton . . Harvey, IL
Greg Coleman . . Dominican . . Whitefish Bay, WI
Ryan Connors . . Hart . . Newhall, CA
Brandon Corso . . W.T. Woodson . . Fairfax, VA
Brian Dallimore . . Clark . . Las Vegas, NV
Clifton Davis . . North Panola . . Sardis, MS
Steve DeLong . . Mona Shores . . Muskegon, MI
Koy Detmer . . Mission . . Mission, TX
Joe Elrod . . Lee-Davis . . Mechanicsville, VA
Ryan Fein . . Royal . . Simi Valley, CA
Dugan Fife . . Clarkston . . Clarkston, MI
Aaron Flowers . . Artesia . . Artesia, CA
Tony Furmann . . Bellport . . Brookhaven, NY
Ziv Gottlieb . . Beverly Hills . . Beverly Hills, CA
Eric Gray . . Aldine . . Houston, Tx
Todd Helton . . Central . . Knoxville, TN
Marcus Hinton . . McEachern . . Powder Springs, GA
Jamie Howard . . St. Thomas More . . Lafayette, LA
Aristotle Huffman . . South Shore . . Chicago, IL
Rob Jones . . Oak Hills . . Cincinnati, OH
Dan Kanell . . Westminster Christian . . Miami, FL
Todd Kehrli . . Corona del Mar . . Newport Beach, CA
Chris Keldorf . . St. Bernard . . Playa del Ray, CA
Derek Kidwell . . Fostoria . . Fostoria, OH
Matt Koffler . . Rosemead . . Rosemead, CA
Eric Kresser . . Palm Beach Gardens . . Palm Beach, FL
Barry Lunney . . Southside . . Fort Smith, AR
Mike Magistrelli . . Columbus . . Marshfield, WI
Dexter McCleon . . Meridian . . Meridian, MS
Mike McGrew . . Mount Carmel . . Chicago, IL
Jason Miletic . . Palisades Park . . Palisades Park, NJ
Abdullah Muhammad . . Waverly . . Lansing, MI
Jeff Myszka . . St. Joseph's . . Kenmore, NY
Tyler Nelson . . Orem . . Orem, UT
Mike O'Malley . . Holy Trinity . . Hicksville, NY
Scott Outslay . . Mt. St. Joseph . . Rutland, VT
Peter Patton . . Loyola . . Wilmette, IL
Blaine Phillips . . Sheridan . . Sheridan, WY
Cory Pullig . . Deer Park . . Pasadena, TX
Scott Richards . . North Augusta . . North Augusta, SC
Wally Richardson . . Sumter . . Sumter, SC
Greg Robertson . . Skyview . . Smithfield, UT
Ryan Ross . . Brookhaven . . Brookhaven, MS
Mike Rudolph . . Buffalo Grove . . Buffalo Grove, IL
Ben Rutz . . Putnam City West . . Oklahoma City, OK
Anthony Sanders . . Santa Rita . . Tucson, AZ
Patrick Sapp . . Raines . . Jacksonville, FL
Paul Shoemaker . . Longmont . . Longmont, CO
David Sumner . . Northport . . Northport, NY
Steve Taneyhill . . Altoona . . Altoona, PA
Mark Terry . . South Charleston . . South Charleston, WV
Scott Weaver . . Blackhawk . . Beaver Falls, PA
Brent Williams . . Henrico . . Richmond, VA

RUNNING BACKS

Derrington Abnar . . Riverview . . Sarasota, FL
Joe Alfano . . Roosevelt . . Wyandotte, MI
Mike Alstott . . Joliet Catholic . . Joliet, IL
Folando Ashcraft . . Washington . . Massillon, OH
Andy Ball . . Riverton . . Riverton, KS
Larry Bowie . . Anniston . . Anniston, AL
Stirling Boyd . . Sherman . . Sherman, TX
Ron Brockington . . Hempstead . . Hempstead, NY
Lyron Brooks . . Nazareth . . La Grange Park, IL
Deshawn Brown . . North . . Akron, OH
Kevin Brown . . Williamsport . . Williamsport, PA
Chris Brunn . . Roseville Area . . Roseville, MN
Jared Burnham . . Bear River . . Tremonton, UT
David Butler . . South Terrebonne . . Bourg, LA
Jonathan Butler . . Robinson . . Pulaski, AR
Greg Cain . . Hillsboro . . Hillsboro, MO
David Caito . . Johnston . . Providence, RI
L.W. Calton . . Lee . . Jonesville, VA
Reggie Carmichael . . Smithfield-Selma . . Smithfield, NC
Kevin Clark . . Tumwater . . Tumwater, WA
Mike Cosey . . Lawrence . . Lawrence, KS
Lamont Cox . . Washington . . Greenville, NC
Shay Davis . . Green Mountain . . Lakewood, CO
Cliff Deese . . Westfield . . Spring, TX
Tony DeSue . . Kempsville . . Virginia Beach, VA
David Dotson . . Valley View . . Moreno Valley, CA
Ty Douthard . . LaSalle . . Cincinnati, OH
Lewis Durego . . Central . . Knoxville, TN
Jeff Edwards . . Morris . . Morris, IL
Damon Fleary . . Cardinal Gibbons . . Baltimore, MD
T. Ford . . Peoria . . Peoria, AZ
Chris Franklin . . Bamberg-Ehrhardt . . Bamberg, SC
Robert Gladden . . Roosevelt . . Washington, DC
Anthony Googe . . Orangeburg-Wilkinson . . Orangeburg, SC
Patrick Griffin . . New Hyde Park . . New Hyde Park, NY
Woody Hankins . . Owasso . . Owasso, OK
Darrell Harding . . Charleroi . . Charleoi, PA
Jermaine Harris . . Nyack . . Nyack, NY
Antoine Harrison . . Oliver . . Pittsburgh, PA
Ladwaun Harrison . . Hillside . . Durham, NC
Jay Johnson . . Waco . . Waco, TX
Phil Kaczmarek . . West Seneca . . West Seneca, NY
Cedric Kendrick . . Ben Russell . . Alexander City, AL
Carlos King . . Starmount . . Booneville, NC
Brian Knuckles . . West Charlotte . . Charlotte, NC
L.T. Levine . . Colonia . . Colonia, NJ
Bernie Liles . . Kingway . . Swedesboro, NJ
Bill Marinangel . . McHenry . . McHenry, IL
Bayfus McCoy . . Eustis . . Eustis, FL
Jermain McDowell . . Carroll . . Corpus Christi, TX
Tony Mondragon . . Immaculate Conception . . Elmhurst, IL
Artie Moore . . Stone County . . Wiggins, MS
Chris Moore . . East St. Louis . . East St. Louis,IL
Aaron Murchison . . 71st . . Fayetteville, NC
Paul Oatts . . Gainesville . . Gainesville, TX
Derrick Odoms . . Poly . . Baltimore, MD
Joe O'Donnell . . Coughlin . . Wilkes-Barre, PA
Edward Ordaz . . Huntsville . . Huntsville, TX
Travis Palmer . . Camp Verde . . Camp Verde, AZ
John Penrod . . Springville . . Springville, UT
Adrian Reese . . Auburn . . Auburn, AL
Kevin Rock . . North Allegheny . . Wexford, PA
Leron Rodgers . . Washington . . Tulsa, OK
Eric Rowe . . Forest Park . . Forest Park, GA
Pathon Rucker . . Glendale . . Glendale, CA
Armando Ruiz . . Racine Park . . Racine Park, WI
Rashaan Salaam . . La Jolla Country Day . . La Jolla, CA
Fred Schoppman . . Plainview . . Plainview, NY
Marvin Sims . . Apple Valley . . Apple Valley, MN
Detron Smith . . Lake Highlands . . Richardson, TX
Okesa Smith . . Bellport . . Brookhaven, NY
Richard Snowden . . Frederick . . Frederick, MD
Emmett Staples . . Eureka . . Eureka, MO
Terrance Stewart . . Doss . . Louisville, KY
Lamonte Still . . Cox . . Virginia Beach, VA
Maurice Stringer . . Opelika . . Opelika, AL
Torrence Suggs . . West Memphis . . West Memphis, AR
Eliel Swinton . . Montclair Prep . . Van Nuys, CA
Gary Taylor . . Morse . . San Diego, CA
James Taylor . . White House . . Nashville, TN
Ronnie Taylor . . Vicksburg . . Vicksburg, MS
Gerald Thompson . . Woodland Hills . . Pittsburgh, PA
Kweli Thompson . . Lamar . . Houston, TX
Michael Thompson . . Clovis . . Clovis, NM
Tom Thornton . . Oxon Hill . . Oxon Hill, MD
Simeon Tucker . . Tabb . . Yorktown, VA
Shawn Walters . . Lamar . . Arlingon, TX
Bruce Washington . . Auburndale . . Auburndale, FL
Chris Washington . . Pontotoc . . Pontotoc, MS
Thomas Washington . . Clewiston . . Clewiston, FL
Tim Watts . . Southside . . Selma, AL
Lou Willard . . Grove City . . Grove City, OH
Barry Williams . . Mastbaum . . Philadelphia, PA
Renaldo Wynn . . De LaSalle . . Chicago, IL
David Zeitz . . St. Charles . . St. Charles, IL

UTILITY PLAYERS

Joe Allen . . Pottstown . . Pottstown, PA
Earl Billingsley . . Wallace . . Gary, IN
Kyle Black . . Sumner . . St. Louis, MO
Marc Bridges . . Central . . Little Rock, AR
Richard Brooks . . Penn Hills . . Pittsburgh, PA
Larry Bush . . Ada . . Ada, OK
Nathan Campbell . . Elsik . . Alief, TX
Clinton Childs . . North . . Omaha, NE
Jason Collins . . Cinnaminson . . Cinnaminson, NJ
Marcus Crandell . . Roanoke . . Robersonville, NC
Eugene Culbreath . . Baldwin . . Baldwin, NY
Oscar Cummings . . Altus . . Altus, OK
Tony Davis . . Chipley . . Chipley, FL
Mike DeGroot . . Bonneville . . Ogden, UT
Pete Diatelevi . . Holy Cross . . Waterbury, CT
Bernie Euell . . Jim Hill . . Jackson, MS
Matt Faery . . Wilson . . Wilson, NY
Paul Fichiera . . Coronado . . Scottsdale, AZ
Scott Fields . . Bishop Amat . . La Puente, CA
Jason Frazier . . Hilton Head . . Hilton Head, SC
Maurice Hampton . . Murrah . . Jackson, MS
Raylen Hicks . . Edison . . Minneapolis, MN
Eric Holcomb . . Westlake . . Westlake, CA
Steve Holman . . Ben Davis . . Indianapolis, IN
Chris Hopkins . . Salpointe . . Tucson, AZ
Rob Hyland . . St. Marys Springs . . Fond du Lac, WI
John Jefferson . . Arickaree . . Anton, CO
Leon Johnson . . Freedom . . Morganton, NC
Dwane Jones . . Valley . . Louisville, KY
Chris Judd . . Columbia City . . Columbia City, IN
Rob Kelly . . Newark Catholic . . Newark, OH
Earl King . . Watertown-Mayer . . Watertown, MN
Ricky Kirkland . . Central . . Knoxville, TN
Ty Law . . Aliquippa . . Aliquippa, PA
Omar Love . . Eisenhower . . Rialto, CA
Brian Magee . . Largo . . Largo, FL
Tyler McDonnell . . E. Bridgewater . . E. Bridgewater, MA
Marc McMillen . . University . . Memphis, TN
Lawyer Milloy . . Lincoln . . Tacoma, WA
Johnny Nanson . . Jordan . . Long Beach, CA
Afa Otuafi . . McQueen . . Reno, NV
Darryl Parler . . Trumbull . . Trumbull, CT
Adrian Paulden . . Del City . . Del City, OK
Tony Ransome . . LaPlata . . LaPlata, MD
Steve Rosga . . Cretin-Derham Hall . . St. Paul, MN
Poncho Sales . . Pittsburg . . Pittsburg, KS
Milton Shaw . . Tarboro . . Tarboro, NC
Travis Sherman . . Bloomingdale . . Valrico, FL
Nilo Silvan . . St. Paul's . . Covington, LA
Emory Smith . . Escambia . . Pensacola, FL
Mike Smith . . Tulia . . Tulia, TX
Robert Tate . . Harrisburg . . Harrisburg, PA
Marc Tidwell . . Schulenburg . . Schulenburg, TX
Kenny Times . . Lake Howell . . Winter Park, FL
Marcel West . . Niceville . . Niceville, FL
Danny Wuerffel . . Ft. Walton Beach . . Ft. Walton Beach, FL

WIDE RECEIVERS

Chad Alfonso . . Sunset . . Beaverton, OR
Darrin Ashford . . Rich East . . Park Forest, IL
Kevin Beirne . . McCullough . . Conroe, TX
Ronald Boone . . Wodrow Wilson . . Chesapeake, VA
Garfield Brown . . Middletown . . Middletown, DE
Ronnie Burr . . McKinley . . Canton, OH
Trency Clough . . Marshall . . Marshall, TX
Isaac Curtis . . Roger Bacon . . Cincinnati, OH
Juan Daniels . . Norcross . . Norcross, GA
Cliff Doman . . Skyline . . Salt Lake City, UT
Michael Edwards . . West Point . . West Point, MS
Mike Erhardt . . Williamette . . Williamette, OR
Chris Fears . . Smiths Station . . Smith, AL
Reggie Funderburk . . DeMatha . . Hyattsville, MD
Eric Harris . . Red Bank . . Red Bank, NJ
Mercury Hayes . . Washington . . Houston, TX
Erik Henry . . Cherry Hill East . . Cherry Hill, NJ
Steve Holmes . . Mills . . Little Rock, AR
DeAndre Houston . . Shaw . . Cleveland, OH
James Houston . . South Shore . . Chicago, IL
Darnall Johnson . . Osborn . . Detroit, MI
Jay Jones . . William Tennant . . Warminster, PA
Conan Kempf . . Eatonville . . Eatonville, WA
Edward Kinnison . . Washington-Marion . . Lake Charles, LA
Ed Knowles . . Bay City . . Bay City, TX
Todrick Malone . . Etowah . . Attalla, AL

Other prep seniors to watch

Tony Minneyfield . . Beechcroft . . Columbus, OH
Kirk Olivadotti . . St. Thomas Aquinas . . Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Albert Peterson . . Central . . Little Rock, AR
Chris Piggott . . Stevenson . . Prairie View, IL
Lovell Pinkney . . Anacostia . . Washington, DC
Lou Shepherd . . Blue Springs . . Blue Springs, MO
Henry Smalls . . Manatee . . Bradenton, FL
Albert Smith . . Dowling . . West Des Moines, IA
Bryan Still . . Huguenot . . Richmond, VA
Erick Strickland . . Bellevue West . . Bellevue, NE
Michael Tillman . . Steubenville . . Steubenville, OH
Euell Wilson . . Dwenger . . Fort Wayne, IN
Norvell Young . . Downey . . Modesto, CA

TIGHT ENDS

Jim Bell . . Ursuline . . Youngstown, OH
Don Bray . . Carrollton . . Carrollton, GA
Jeff Burgess . . Sumter . . Sumter, SC
Pete Chryplewicz . . Stevenson . . Sterling Heights, MI
Hayward Clay . . Snyder . . Snyder, TX
Richard Dice . . Alemany . . Mission Hills, CA
Todd Durish . . Beaver Falls . . Beaver Falls, PA
Percy Ellsworth . . Southampton . . Courtland, VA
Tray Faine . . Merritt Island . . Merritt Island, FL
Luke Fickell . . DeSales . . Columbus, OH
Jason Geibler . . Joplin . . Joplin, MO
Kenny Grothe . . Chippewa Falls . . Chippewa Falls, WI
Michael Hendricks . . Sterling . . Baytown, TX
Brandon Jessie . . Edison . . Huntington Beach, CA
Tim Johnson . . Byrd . . Fayetteville, NC
Damon Jones . . Evanston . . Evanston, IL
D.J. Jones . . Lebanon . . Lebanon, OH
Greg Jones . . Kennedy . . Denver, CO
Thomas Knight . . East . . Memphis, TN
Max Langenkamp . . Moeller . . Cincinnati, OH
Gene Lundy . . Southeast . . Wichita, KS
Adam Meadows . . McEachern . . Powder Springs, GA
George Meyers . . Bayonne . . Bayonne, NJ
Jared Miller . . Armstrong Central . . Kittaning, PA
Matt Morrell . . Potomac . . Dumfries, VA
Jarrod Moseley . . Cherokee County . . Centre, AL
Jon Nelson . . Sayville . . Sayville, NY
Josh Nelson . . Jamestown . . Jamestown, NY
Alonzo Porter . . Starkville . . Starkville, MS
Lorenzo Styles . . Farrell . . Farrell, PA
Rusty Swartz . . Edison . . Edison, NJ
Curtis Turner . . Scott City . . Scott City, KS
Ross Verba . . Dowling . . Des Moines, IA
Alonzo Washington . . Trinity . . Washington, PA
Ronnie Wingo . . Hazelwood East . . Hazelwood, MO

KICKERS

Zak Ammirato . . University . . Spokane, WA
Matt Bloxsom . . Charlottesville . . Charlottesville, VA
Jason Buckner . . Buchholz . . Gainesville, FL
Paul Burton . . Sunset . . Beaverton, OR
John Cahill . . Myrtle Beach . . Myrtle Beach, SC
Scott Caparelli . . Salem . . Virginia Beach, VA
Matt Chaney . . Badin . . Hamilton, OH
Joseph Clemente . . Elizabeth . . Elizabeth, NJ
Jon Cohen . . Cherokee . . Marlton, NJ
Jeff Collins . . Columbus . . Columbus, GA
Larry Davis . . Oregon City . . Oregon City, OR
Gus Gonzales . . Uvalde . . Uvalde, TX
Brian Hamill . . Archbishop Ryan . . Philadelphia, PA
Juan Lagos . . Dumas . . Dumas, TX
Brandon McAllister . . Hazelwood West . . Hazelwood, MO
Matt McDougal . . Arvada West . . Arvada, CO
Matt Peyton . . Sahuaro . . Tucson, AZ
Michael Proctor . . Pelham . . Pelham, AL
Mike Pruitt . . Auburndale . . Auburndale, FL
Sean Reali . . Bay . . Bay Village, OH
Michael Sloan . . Aquinas . . Rochester, NY
John Stonehouse . . Loyola . . Los Angeles, CA
Mike Townsend . . Stratford . . Houston, TX
Marshall Young . . McCullough . . Conroe, TX

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Lee Abrams . . Carbon . . Price, UT
Brian Adcock . . Chamberlain . . Tampa, FL
Dan Adernski . . Salesianum . . Wilmington, DE
Winston Alderson . . El Dorado . . El Dorado, AR
Darin Arbogast . . Tacoma Lakes . . Tacoma, WA
Curt Batta . . South Calhoun . . Lake City, IA
Jason Behunin . . San Gorgonio . . San Bernardino, CA
Frank Bjoring . . Tabb . . Yorktown, VA
Lee Buckley . . Cherry Creek . . Englewood, CO
Chris Campbell . . Vocational . . Chicago, IL
Chris Campo . . Lacey Township . . Lanoka Harbor, NJ
Chad Chaney . . Mayer Lutheran . . Mayer, MN
Randy Clements . . Quartz Hill . . Quarter Hill, CA
Shannon Clevelle . . Walker . . New Orleans, LA
Pat Corcoran . . Central . . Bay City, MI
Jamal Crawford . . Strong Vincent . . Erie, PA
Matt Crusan . . Sycamore . . Cincinnati, OH
James Darby . . Streamwood . . Streamwood, IL
Erik Dunlap . . Garner . . Garner, NC
Keith Edwards . . Brookhaven . . Brookhaven, MS
Jeremy Evans . . Canyon del Oro . . Tucson, AZ
Ben Foos . . Trinity . . Louisville, KY
Elliott Fortune . . Roosevelt . . Roosevelt, NY
Andy Gleason . . Del City . . Del City, OK
Bob Goltra . . Fort Scott . . Fort Scott, KS
Tony Gratton . . Alhambra . . Martinez, CA
Ed Green . . St. Paul . . Bristol, CT
Tom Habak . . Wheeling Park . . Wheeling, WV
Greg Harper . . Buchholz . . Gainesville, FL
Adrian Harris . . Lee . . Montgomery, AL
John Haudenshield . . Peters Township . . McMurray, PA
Jesse Herrera . . Hawthorne . . Hawthorne, CA
Christian Hill . . South Charleston . . South Charleston, WV
Dan Hoover . . Fairhope . . Fairhope, AL
Waverly Jackson . . Park View . . South Hill, VA
Jeff Jenkins . . Ouachita Christian . . Monroe, LA
Matt Johnson . . Amphitheater . . Tucson, AZ
Darrell Jones . . Murrah . . Jackson, MS
K.C. Jones . . Lee . . Midland, TX
Matt Jones . . Bucyrus . . Bucyrus, OH
Brian Jurewicz . . Deerfield . . Deerfield, IL
Adam Kane . . Penn . . Mishawaka, IN
Ron Keller . . Overbrook . . Pinehill, NJ
John Komar . . Lodi . . Lodi, NJ
David Lockwood . . Norristown . . Norristown, PA
Marcus Long . . Mainland . . Daytona Beach, FL
Pete Marczyk . . Holy Spirit . . Absecon, NJ
Clark Masters . . Mullen . . Denver, CO
Bill McAuley . . Ben Davis . . Indianapolis, IN
Jason McDaniel . . Powell . . Knoxville, TN
Jason Michaelidis . . Mainland . . Linwood, NJ
Dorein Mitchell . . Marcos de Niza . . Tempe, AZ
Kevin Ned . . Yates . . Houston, TX
Dan Neil . . Cypress Creek . . Houston, TX
Owen Neil . . DeSaless . . Louisville, KY
Mark Nori . . Germantown Academy . . Philadelphia, PA
Tom Norton . . Westfield . . Westfield, NJ
Brian O'Connor . . Hanover Park . . East Hanover, NJ
Jason Odom . . Bartow . . Bartow, FL
Jeff Ogard . . St. Paul . . St. Paul, NE
Ken Payne . . Lindbergh . . St. Louis, MO
Roamy Perry . . Lower Richland . . Hopkins, SC
Kevin Peterson . . Lockport . . Lockport, IL
Tony Pierce . . Westmar . . Lonaconing, MD
Juan Porter . . St. Ignatius . . Cleveland, OH
Brian Posey . . Butler . . Butler, PA
Nick Quintana . . Miami Senior . . Miami, FL
Jeremy Raley . . Fort Hill . . Cumberland, MD
Walter Rouse . . Crisp County . . Kordell, GA
Mark Ryan . . Del Mar . . Del Mar, CA
Jay Seib . . South Spencer . . Rockport, IN
Scott Sharp . . Lee . . Huntsville, AL
Carlos Showers . . Morrillton . . Morrillton, AR
Delrico Simons . . Princeton . . Cincinnati, OH
Don Simpson . . Churchill . . Potomac, MD
Joel Sinclair . . Crowley . . Crowley, LA
Clyde Smith . . Richmond . . Rockingham, NC
Phil Sowers . . Bear River . . Tremonton, UT
Larry Spacc . . Fredonia . . Fredonia, NY
Jim Stiebel . . Althoff . . Belleville, IL
Joe Streich . . Putnam City North . . Oklahoma City, OK
Cliff Stroud . . Highlands . . Natrona Heights, PA
Joshua Tetner . . Jefferson . . Bloomington, MN
Pat Thompson . . John Ehret . . Marrero, LA
Barry Tielsch . . Penn Hills . . Pittsburgh, PA
Chris Turner . . Southwest DeKalb . . Decatur, GA
Jim Wade . . Coronado . . Scottsdale, AZ
Willie Walker . . Desert View . . Tucson, AZ
Bryan Washington . . Moorefield . . Moorefield, WV
Eric Wendt . . Moeller . . Cincinnati, OH
Lenron White . . Courtland . . Courtland, AL
Jerry Wunsch . . Wausaw West . . Wausaw, WI
Davin Wyman . . Carlmont . . Belmont, CA
Dusty Ziegler . . Effingham County . . Springfield, GA

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Darrell Amen . . Jacksonville . . Jacksonville, TX
Kraig Arthur . . Sapulpa . . Sapulpa, OK
Darrell Blackburn . . Butler . . Huntsville, AL
Curtis Bogan . . Renton . . Renton, WA
Michael Bradwell . . Farmington . . Farmington, CT
Ervin Briley . . Aldine . . Houston, TX
John Browning . . Jackson . . Miami, FL
Dusty Carlson . . Campbell County . . Gillette, WY
Trey Champagne . . Covington . . Covington, LA
Jeff Curina . . Seymour . . Seymour, CT
DeShawn Daniels . . Harding . . Warren, OH
Ray Edmonds . . Hoban . . Akron, OH
Chester Ford . . Danville . . Danville, KY
Shanteze Freeman . . Kent City . . Kent City, MD
La Roi Glover . . Pt. Loma . . San Diego, CA
Graham Gnos . . Jefferson . . Bloomington, MN
Otis Grant . . Willowridge . . Sugar Land, TX
Steve Hixson . . Atascadero . . Atascadero, CA
Matt Hosilyk . . Montour . . Montour, PA
Ed Hosty . . Fenwick . . Oak Park, IL
Jay Bertrand Ina . . Franklin . . Franklin, LA
Albert Jackson . . Edison . . Edison, NJ
Cedric Jones . . Lamar . . Houston, TX
Tim Kagle . . North Hills . . Pittsburgh, PA
James Lowery . . Harding . . Charlotte, NC
Tom Lukawski . . Central . . East Chicago, IN
Alton Maiden . . Carter . . Dallas, TX
Mark Martin . . Pine Bluff . . Pine Bluff, AR
Steve Martin . . Jefferson City . . Jefferson City, MO
Charles McDonald . . Northwestern . . Miami, FL
Jeff Mitchell . . Countryside . . Clearwater, FL
Ed Moseley . . Trezevant . . Memphis, TN
Eric Moss . . DuPont . . Belle, WV
Tom Norton . . Westfield . . Westfield, NJ
Ceaser Oneal . . Huntsville . . Huntsville, TX
Tony Peters . . Indiana . . Indiana, PA
Aundre Purvis . . White Oak . . White Oak, NC
Mike Rader . . Notre Dame . . Green Bay, WI
Albert Reese . . Vigor . . Prichard, AL
Bryan Risner . . Penn . . Mishawaka, IN
Chad Ross . . Lincoln . . Des Moines, IA
Gaga Rowe . . Herndon . . Herndon, VA
Aaron Rulewicz . . Jackson . . Jackson, MI
Leroy Salazar . . McCurdy . . Espanola, NM
John Sawyer . . Passaic Valley . . Little Falls, NJ
Joe Sebolevski . . Monadnock . . Swanzey Center, NH
Cornell Spain . . Melbourne . . Melbourne, FL
Jamain Stevens . . Lumberton . . Lumberton, NC
Demetrius Stevenson . . Caesar Rodney . . Camden, DE
Rudy Stinson . . Powell . . Knoxville, TN
Leland Taylor . . Fairdale . . Fairdale, KY
Jeremy Toner . . Burley . . Burley, ID
Walter Trotter . . Warren Central . . Indianapolis, IN
Steve Vaughan . . Greenbrier West . . Charmco, WV
Mike Villa . . Mountain View . . Mesa, AZ
John Walters . . Lake Highlands . . Richardson, TX
Leonard Washington . . North . . Omaha, NE
Sherrod Wyatt . . Carter . . Dallas, TX

LINEBACKERS

Gary Anascavage . . Shamokin . . Shamokin, PA
Joe Babey . . Trinity . . Louisville, KY
Lloyd Badson . . William Penn . . New Castle, DE
John Baker . . Northside . . Roanoke, VA
James Bates . . Sevier County . . Sevierville, TN
James Brady . . Lamar . . Arlington, TX
Mark Callahan . . Central . . Grand Forks, ND
Bo Chatfield . . Flowing Wells . . Tucson, AZ
Matt Christopher . . Lake . . Hartville, OH
Johnny Church . . Cypress Lake . . Fort Myers, FL
Shawn Collins . . Kennedy . . Paterson, NJ

continued on page 149

The Cream of the 1991 College Frosh

Where the top 1990 prep seniors signed

QUARTERBACKS

	home town	college
Justin Armour	Manitou Springs, CO	Stanford
Luke Bencie	Sarasota, FL	Florida
Donnie Davis	Burlington, NC	Georgia Tech
Alan Hall	Middleburg, FL	Miami
Bob Hoying	St. Henry, OH	Ohio State
Damon Huard	Puyallup, WA	Washington
Clester Johnson	Bellevue, NE	Nebraska
Rob Johnson	El Toro, CA	Southern Cal
Matt Pike	Huntington, IN	Purdue
Al Pinkins	Camilla, GA	Auburn
Heath Shuler	Bryson City, NC	Tennessee
Aaron Sparrow	Portsmouth, VA	Virginia
Eric Zeier	Marietta, GA	Georgia

RUNNING BACKS / DEFENSIVE BACKS

Deollo Anderson	Youngstown, OH	Michigan
Thomas Barber	Miami, FL	Colorado
Mario Bates	Tucson, AZ	Arizona State
Wilbert Biggens	Houston, TX	Texas A&M
Norman Bradford	Jonesboro, LA	Grambling
Derrick Brooks	Pensacola, FL	Florida State
Kijana Carter	Westerville, OH	Penn State
Raphael Denson	Ardmore, OK	Oklahoma State
Louis Fite	Waco, TX	Baylor
Che Foster	Edmond, OK	Michigan
Jimmy Tolbert Gary	Okeechobee, FL	West Virginia
Willie Gaston	Mobile, AL	Alabama
Damon Hood	Bowling Green, KY	Kentucky
Ryan Huffman	Houston, TX	LSU
Curtis Johnson	Greensboro, NC	North Carolina
Napoleon Kaufman	Lompoc, CA	Washington
Teddy Lawrence	San Diego, CA	UCLA
John McClain	Cartersville, GA	LSU
Brian Milne	Waterford, PA	Penn State
Clay Mourning	Fayetteville, NC	Junior College
David Palmer	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
Stephen Pitts	Middletown, NJ	Penn State
Bruce Pressley	Highland Park, NJ	Rutgers
Markeith Ross	Vista, CA	Junior College
Basil Shabazz	Pine Bluff, AR	Arkansas
Marquette Smith	Winter Park, FL	Florida St.
Rodney Thomas	Groveton, TX	Texas A&M
Hickey Thompson	Belleville, IL	Michigan State
Tyrone Wheatley	Dearborn, MI	Michigan
Matt Wills	South Bend, IN	UNLV
Rodney Young	Ruston, LA	LSU

Top 10 Recruiting Classes

1. Penn State
2. Florida State
3. Georgia
4. Colorado
5. Washington
6. Michigan
7. Florida
8. Alabama
9. Tennessee
10. Texas A&M

RECEIVERS

Greg DeLong	Orefield, PA	North Carolina
Bobby Engram	Camden, SC	Penn State
Kenny Harrison	Port Arthur, TX	Texas
Damien Jeffries	Sylacauga, AL	Alabama
Tony Johnson	Sardis, MS	Alabama
Mike Miller	Sugar Land, TX	Notre Dame
Philip Riley	Orlando, FL	Florida State
Leon Smith	Louisville, KY	Kentucky

INTERIOR LINEMEN

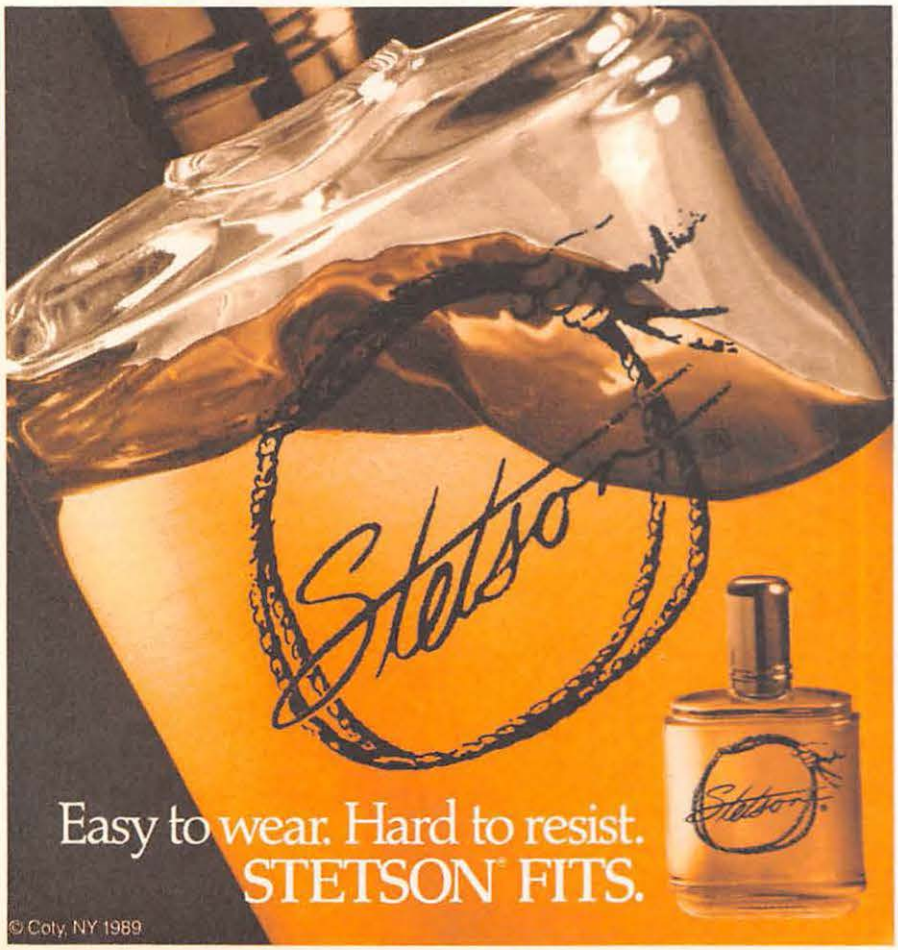
Sam Adams	Houston, TX	Texas A&M
Mark Allison	Minneapolis, KS	Kansas
John Bowman	Berwick, PA	North Carolina
Blake Brockermeyer	Fort Worth, TX	Texas
Eric Clair	Elizabethtown, PA	Penn State
Forest Conoly	Berlin, CT	Florida State
Scott Crosley	Carmel, IN	Kentucky
John Elmore	Sherman, TX	Texas
Tony Fain	Woodbridge, VA	Junior College
Mike Fredenburg	Austell, GA	Georgia
Greg Frey	Clearwater, FL	Florida State
Germaine Holden	Anderson, SC	Notre Dame
John Horn	Joliet, IL	Illinois
Trezelle Jenkins	Chicago, IL	Michigan
Andre Johnson	Southampton, NY	Penn State
Scott Joslyn	Orlando, FL	Florida
Jason Layman	Sevierville, TN	Tennessee
Robert Loya	Fontana, CA	Southern Cal
Jamie Mignon	Appleton, WI	Michigan
Clint Moore	Longmont, CO	Colorado
Leslie Ratliffe	Newport, AR	Tennessee
Walter Reggans	Aurora, CO	Michigan
Pat Riley	Marrero, LA	Miami
Dave Sanders	Somerset, NJ	Rutgers
Darius Smith	Dallas, TX	Texas A&M
Steve Strahan	Houston, TX	Baylor
Scott Stratton	West Chester, OH	Penn State
Mike Washington	Milledgeville, GA	South Carolina
Daniel Wilkerson	Dayton, OH	Junior College
Greg Wilkins	Chicago, IL	Oklahoma
Trent Zenkewicz	Cleveland, OH	Michigan

LINEBACKERS/DEFENSIVE ENDS

Todd Atkins	Ellwood City, PA	Penn State
Huntley Bakich	Dallas, TX	Notre Dame
Kevin Carter	Tallahassee, FL	Florida
Tremayne Green	Marshall, TX	Oklahoma
Fred Harris	Shreveport, LA	San Diego State
Shannon McLean	Detroit, MI	UNLV
Andre Miller	Meridian, MS	Auburn
Jamir Miller	El Cerrito, CA	UCLA
Charles Moore	Hempstead, NY	Syracuse
Mario Nolan	Memphis, TN	Georgia
Craig Powell	Youngstown, OH	Ohio State
Juan Thomas	Ashland, KY	Arizona State
Tom Tumulty	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
Norman Watkins	Irving, TX	Texas
Emerson Wells	Paducah, KY	Kentucky

KICKERS

David DeArmas	Hyattsville, MD	Maryland
Keith Waguespack	Port Neches, TX	Texas A&M



25 Prep Teams to Watch in 1991

Arizona—Mesa Mountain View (11-1-1)
California—Bakersfield (13-0), Concord De La Salle (13-0), Rialto Eisenhower (11-1)
Florida—Bradenton Manatee (12-1), Jacksonville Raines (10-1)
Georgia—Valdosta (13-0-1)
Illinois—East St. Louis (12-1)
Indiana—Indianapolis Ben Davis (13-1)
Kentucky—Fairdale (10-1)
Louisiana—Ruston (14-0), River Ridge John Curtis (15-0)
Missouri—Jefferson City (14-0)
New Jersey—Elizabeth (8-1)
Ohio—Warren Harding (14-0), Cincinnati Princeton (11-3)
Pennsylvania—Doylestown Central Bucks West (10-1)
South Carolina—Sumter (12-3)
Tennessee—Knoxville Central (13-1)
Texas—Huntsville (11-2), Alief Elsik (11-2), Houston Aldine (15-0)
Virginia—Hampton (13-2)
Washington—Tacoma Curtis (12-1)
West Virginia—Wellsburg Brooke (13-0)

(1990 records)

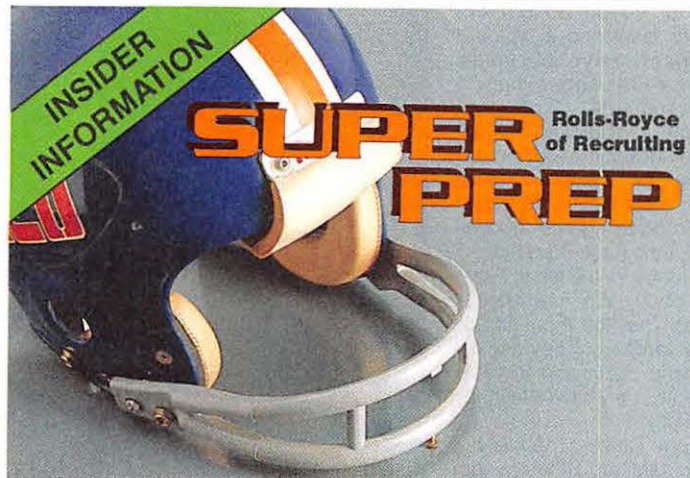
50 Underclassmen to Watch

Alabama—Willie Anderson, Prichard Vigor, OL
Arizona—Mike Mitchell, Phoenix Brophy Prep, RB
Arkansas—Corry Adams, North Little Rock Sylvan Hills, RB
California—Bill Oliver, Cupertino Monta Vista, QB; Jermaine Gray, Rialto Eisenhower, DL
Colorado—Scott Bentley, Overland, PK; Ryan Clement (soph), Denver Mullen, QB
Connecticut—Adam Salina, Berlin, FB-P
District of Columbia—Warren Cunningham, H.D. Woodson, RB
Florida—Amp Campbell (soph), Sarasota Riverview, WR-KR; Billy Plummer, Live Oak Suwannee, RB; D.J. Mitchum (soph), Gainesville Yonge, RB; Keith Wilkerson, Ft. Lauderdale St. Thomas Aquinas, RB
Georgia—Marion Ware, Augusta Josey, Ath.; Carlos Tanner, Dacula, RB
Illinois—Jeff Hecklinski, Palatine, QB; Matt Kushing, Chicago Mt. Carmel, DL; David James, East St. Louis, LB
Indiana—Eric Chandler, Lawrence North, OL; Eric Allen, Indianapolis North Central, DB
Iowa—Ed Machon, Newton, OL
Louisiana—William Alphonse, Ruston, RB; Lloyd Nash, New Orleans Washington, KR
Michigan—Raphael Cooper (soph), Detroit Chadsey, RB
Minnesota—Paul Kratochvil, New Prague, TE-DE
Mississippi—Antonyo Hunter, West Point, DT
Missouri—Darris Pierce, St. Louis Sumner, RB
Nebraska—Jay Korth, Battle Creek, DL
Nevada—Todd Floyd, Reno McQueen, QB
New Jersey—Jason Bonilla, South River, RB; Dulayne Morgan, Elizabeth, LB-TE
New York—Chris Dedrick, Port Byron, DL
North Carolina—Maurice Mebane, Burlington Cummings, WR
Ohio—Reggie Garnett, Akron Central-Hower, LB; Mario Brown, Elryia West, TE-LB; Derrick Shepherd, Dayton Meadowdale, OL; Marc Edwards, Cincinnati Norwood, RB
Oklahoma—Mandrell Dean, Oklahoma City Millwood, WR-KR
Pennsylvania—Ron Powlus, Berwick, QB; Gene McAleer, Philadelphia Ryan, LB; Chris Dickerson, Concordville Glen Mills, RB; Doug Ostrosky (soph), Pittsburgh Fox Chapel, TE
South Carolina—Kevin Long, Summerville, OL
Tennessee—Albert Davis III (soph), Alcoa, WR
Texas—Donnie Embra, Alief Elsik, DL; Allen Wilborn, Dallas Kimball, LB; Jerald Moore, Houston Yates, RB
Virginia—Jay Clarke (soph), Portsmouth Manor, WR; Shane Wright, Dumfries Potomac, WB
Washington—Jason Cholak, Tacoma Vashon, DL

(Juniors unless indicated)

INSIDER INFORMATION

SUPER PREP Rolls-Royce of Recruiting



RECRUITING COORDINATORS NATIONWIDE LOVE SUPERPREP

Colorado ..... Mike Glynn
Miami ..... David Scott
Illinois ..... Randy Rodgers
Stanford ..... Keith Sparks
Texas A&M ..... Tim Cassidy
Nebraska ..... Dave Gillespie
Clemson ..... Jim Goodman
Kentucky ..... Tommy Limbaugh
Kansas ..... R.D. Helt

Need We Say More !!

FOR HOT NATIONAL RECRUITING INFORMATION

CALL 1-900-990-7737 & 1-900-896-2010 .

$2.00 FIRST MINUTE, $1.00 EACH ADDITIONAL MINUTE.

SUPERFAX

Wake-up with the latest recruiting information. It's in your FAX machine!

☐ Please FAX to me your '91-92 SUPERFAX service: 23 FAX recruiting reports (1 in late November, 4 in December — early January, 18 from mid -January until Letter- of- Intent Day.

NAME

FAX NUMBER

PHONE NUMBER

☐ ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR $49.00 • ORDER BY PHONE **(714) 641 - 9054**

ALL FAXES TRANSMITTED IN LATE EVENINGS

☐ Please send me the August 1991 pre-season issue, the January 1992 All-American pre-signing issue and the March Letter-of-Intent issue for only $59.00 which includes first class postage.

☐ re-subscriber ☐ new subscriber

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

☐ Enclosed is my check for $59.00 payable to: **SUPERPREP**

☐ MC/VISA (INC EXP)

GUARANTEE - PROMPT REFUNDS IF DISSATISFIED **ORDER BY:**

JCW PUBLISHING - ALL RIGHTS RESERVED **PHONE 714-641-9054 FAX 714-641-1084**

2915 Redhill Avenue, G-105, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Subscribe *NOW* & get our latest issue *FREE!*

Street & Smith's National Preview

Round up the usual suspects. It's time to choose the preseason top 25 teams. Start in the South, where the Sunshine State usually has a lot to say about determining the national champion.

Florida State defeated Penn State, 24–17, in the Blockbuster Bowl for a 10-2 record and No. 4 final ranking, its lowest in five years. The Seminoles haven't finished ahead of Miami since 1982 and their rivalry continues this fall at Doak Campbell Stadium, where a brawl nearly precipitated the game in '89. Bobby Bowden, with over 200 victories, is still seeking that elusive first national crown. He'll remind his 17 returning starters that expectations were high in Tallahassee in 1988, when the Seminoles' title aspirations were blown in a 31–0 opening-game rout by Miami. This time, Florida State opens with Brigham Young, which upset Miami last September behind Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Ty Detmer's 406 passing yards and three touchdowns, and closes with Miami (November 16) and Florida (November 30).

Miami, playing on New Year's Day for the eighth straight season, demolished Texas, 46–3, in the Cotton Bowl and wound up No. 3 in the polls, its lowest position since 1982. The Hurricanes must replace 11 starters, including quarterback Craig Erickson and defensive tackle Russell Maryland, the first pick in the NFL draft. The new quarterback likely will be Gino Torretta, who already holds the school record for passing yards in a game (468). He won three of his four starts as an injury replacement for Erickson in Miami's 1989 championship season.

Throw the University of Florida, off probation at last for past NCAA rules violations, into the lineup of title contenders. The Gators return 17 starters from the fun-and-shoot team that produced a 9-2 mark and over 452 yards and 35 points per game and ranked fifth in the nation in total defense.

Michigan's 9-3 record a year ago was slightly misleading. The Wolverines outplayed Notre Dame in their opener only to lose, 28–24, and suffered one-point setbacks to Michigan State and Iowa. But they closed with a rush, winning their final six games, including a 35–3 decision over Mississippi in the Gator Bowl. Taking over for coach Bo Schembechler, Gary Moeller fashioned a typically awesome Michigan line in an atypically potent passing offense. Junior Elvis Grbac threw a school-record 21 touchdowns, 17 of which went to Desmond Howard and Derrick Alexander, who also return. But parity was the key at the top of the Big Ten last fall as Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan State tied Michigan for the league title. Ohio State figures to challenge that foursome for the Rose Bowl bid.

Notre Dame could lobby for the trip to Pasadena for the Irish open with four games against Big Ten teams. They lost three games and Raghib Ismail a year ago. They are not likely to lose that many again and in Willie Clark, a converted safety, they have a tailback even faster than the Rocket.

Miami is off the Notre Dame schedule but Tennessee and Penn State, top 10 teams with premier defenses, remain. The Volunteers went to the Sugar Bowl as the Southeastern Conference champion (Florida was ineligible) and defeated Virginia, 23–22. They have to plug the backfield hole created when Chuck Webb left school prematurely for the NFL, but in quarterback Andy Kelly and receiver Carl Pickens Tennessee has a pro-style passing combination. Penn State, which becomes an official member of the Big Ten in 1993, overcame an 0-2 start to win nine consecutive games and capture a 20th Lambert/Meadowlands Trophy.

The Nittany Lions kick off the season against Georgia Tech, which capped its first Atlantic Coast Conference title with a 45–21 rout of Nebraska in the Florida Citrus Bowl and the national championship (UPI). The Yellow Jackets, who face another early showdown at Clemson in September, return Heisman candidate Shawn Jones at quarterback and first-team All-America safety Ken Swilling. Football no longer plays second fiddle to basketball (Duke's NCAA title notwithstanding) in the ACC, which sent five of its members to bowl

Robert Tringali Jr.

Top 25

1. FLORIDA STATE
2. MICHIGAN
3. FLORIDA
4. MIAMI
5. PENN STATE
6. NOTRE DAME
7. GEORGIA TECH
8. WASHINGTON
9. TENNESSEE
10. CLEMSON
11. TEXAS
12. IOWA
13. AUBURN
14. OKLAHOMA
15. SOUTHERN CAL
16. TEXAS A&M
17. OHIO STATE
18. NEBRASKA
19. SYRACUSE
20. HOUSTON
21. AIR FORCE
22. UCLA
23. ALABAMA
24. MICHIGAN STATE
25. COLORADO

games and compiled a 28-8-1 record against nonconference opponents. Florida State joins the league next year.

Colorado survived a bonehead decision to punt to Notre Dame's Ismail in the closing seconds of the Orange Bowl. When Rocket's touchdown return was nullified by a penalty, the Buffaloes escaped with a 10–9 victory and a share of the national championship (AP poll). How well quarterback Darian Hagan's surgically-repaired knee responds this summer will determine how far an inexperienced offense will take Colorado as it battles perennial Big 8 powers Oklahoma and Nebraska for conference honors.

Washington clobbered Iowa in the Rose Bowl, 46–34, and may have been the strongest team in the nation at that point. But the Huskies' prospects for a national championship dimmed this spring when versatile quarterback Mark Brunell injured his knee. He underwent surgery and may be out for the season. The Pac-10 features a wealth of youthful skill-position players in tailbacks Russell White of California, Glyn Milburn of Stanford, and Mazio Royster of Southern Cal and quarterback Tommy Maddox of UCLA.

The most glamorous player in the country last year was Detmer, who hurt both shoulders in a Holiday Bowl loss to Texas A&M. He sat out spring drills following rehabilitation but now appears strong. Most of his supporting cast, however, has departed as the Cougars defend their WAC title with just two other returning offensive starters. If BYU gets by a nonconference schedule that pits it against Florida State, UCLA, and Penn State in its first three games, start preparing the story line on two-time Heisman winners.

David Klingler passed up an opportunity to join former Houston teammate Andre Ware in the pro ranks. If he throws for 5,000 yards again, he could outpoll Detmer for individual honors this time. The Cougars, off NCAA probation and eligible for a bowl bid, face a stern test at Miami in September before heading into Southwest Conference play against perennial powers Texas A&M and Texas.

Division I-AA National Preview

TOP 25

1. Georgia Southern
2. Eastern Kentucky
3. Youngstown State
4. Idaho
5. Furman
6. Middle Tennessee State
7. Nevada
8. William & Mary
9. Boise State
10. Northern Iowa
11. Marshall
12. Northeast Louisiana
13. Holy Cross
14. Alabama State
15. New Hampshire
16. Southwest Missouri State
17. Sam Houston State
18. The Citadel
19. Jackson State
20. Villanova
21. Cornell
22. North Carolina A&T
23. Tennessee State
24. Montana State
25. Grambling

by DAVID NEWTON
THE (COLUMBIA) STATE

The folks in Statesboro, GA, weren't too pleased with their new football coach four weeks into the 1990 season. How could a man take 12 starters from a 15-0 national championship team and lose three of four games? The old coach, Erk Russell, never had a losing season, they grumbled. Russell also won a higher percentage of games than any coach in NCAA Division I-AA the past decade with a team that played football as a club sport in 1983, they reminded. Just who the heck did this Tim Stowers fellow think he was, ruining their program?

"I just went ahead and put a For Sale sign in the front yard," Stowers said with a laugh.

Stowers can laugh now. Georgia Southern won its final 11 games to win the I-AA title for the fourth time in six seasons. The Eagles defeated Nevada, 36–13, in the championship, played for the second straight year near the banks of Eagle Creek in Statesboro. But don't be surprised if Stowers didn't save that For Sale sign. With 15 starters back and the championship once again at Allen E. Paulson Stadium, expectations will be just as high.

"When you have the kind of success we have, it's kind of like the San Francisco 49ers," sports information director Jim Stephan said. "When they don't make the Super Bowl. . .'Oh, boy. What's wrong?' When you've been in five of the last six championships, everybody begins pointing toward it at the beginning of the season—like another game on the schedule."

The opposition is beginning to think the same way. "As long as they play at home, they'll always be penciled in the championship," claims Northeast Louisiana State coach Dave Roberts. Says Furman coach Jimmy Satterfield, "Whoever wins the national championship has got to go through Statesboro."

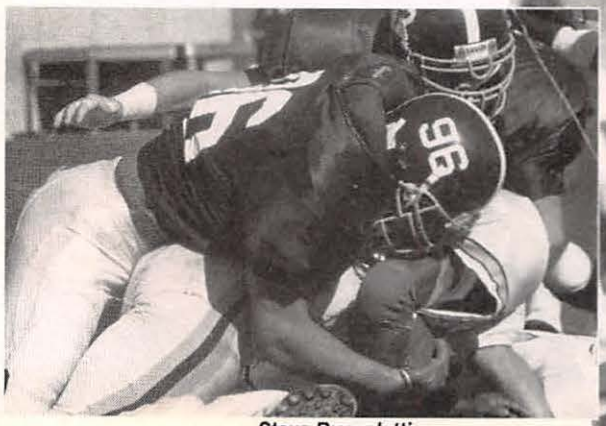
Literally. For the past two seasons, the Eagles' playoff travel budget hasn't been touched. They've played all eight games in Statesboro, a financial boom for I-AA football and a decisive edge for the home team. Few complained two seasons ago. Most coaches were too caught up in the excitement of seeing 25,725 fans at the championship—that many didn't see the previous three combined—and fans ripping down the goal posts following the 37–34 thriller. Administrators were too caught up in the financial windfall they'd found in Statesboro, where fans have been witness to a rare dynasty in an era of sports parity.

Four playoff games and another title later, though, opinions changed—at least those of the coaches. Most had no problem with the championship returning to Statesboro. But giving the Eagles the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs raised a few eyebrows. "I don't care what anybody else says, nobody should have the right to play every game at home," Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd said. "We're getting too conscious about money. All the I-AA coaches are upset about that. All we can do is complain."

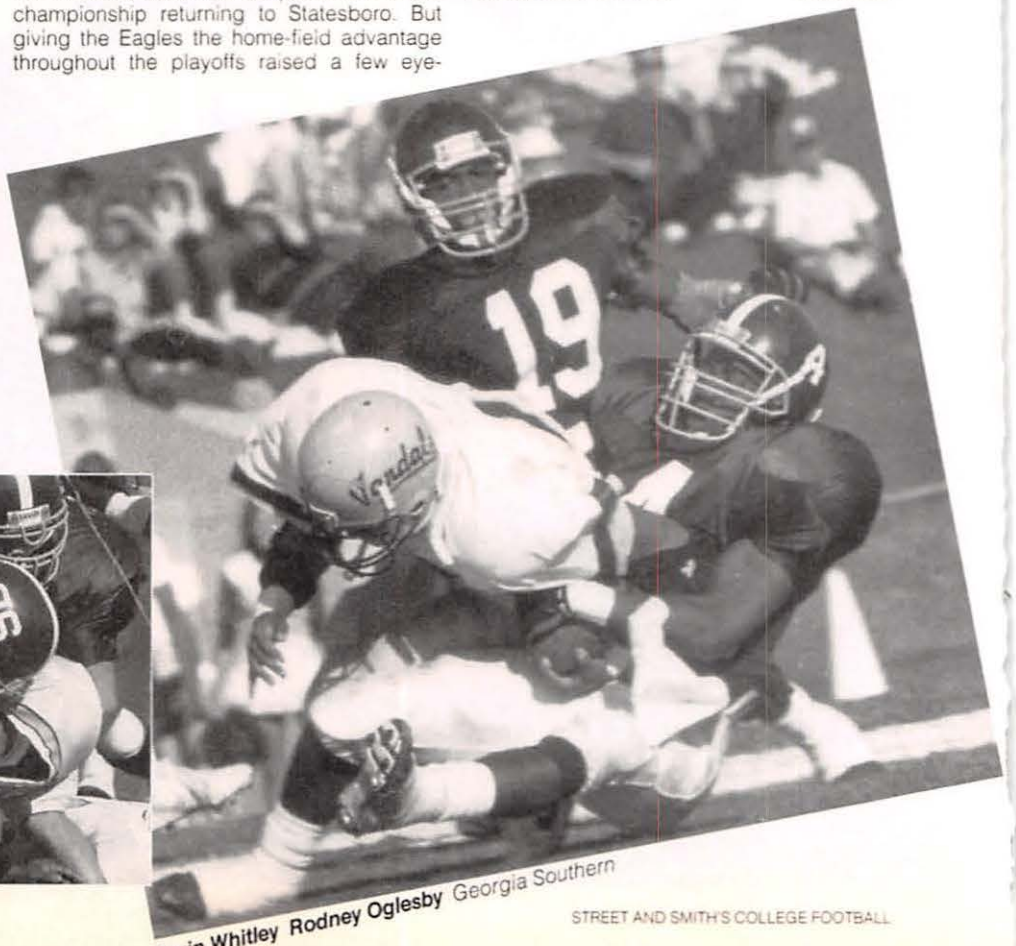
Many did just that at the American Football Coaches meeting. Others voiced their opinion at conference meetings. Roberts says it's definitely an issue in the Southland. "We don't begrudge them playing the championship at home," he said. "But to play four straight at home. . .that's a problem. At some time they need to travel. The home team wins basically 85 percent of the time. We've talked to our athletic director and our conference people about making them play on the road at least once. The people think the championship is a lock if they don't. History agrees."

W.C. Gorden, coach of Jackson State, says there's a similar movement in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Georgia Southern has put itself in a position of "them against us," he claims. "Everybody is embarrassed that one school is so head and shoulders ahead of us," he said.

continued



Steve Bussoletti



Kevin Whitley Rodney Oglesby Georgia Southern

Division I-AA National Preview

Gorden also admits he envies what Georgia Southern has done. Most of the credit, he and others agree, should go to athletic director Dr. David "Bucky" Wagner. It was Wagner's dream to see football return to Statesboro. He laid the foundation by hiring Russell from the University of Georgia and building one of the strongest I-AA booster programs in the country. He also spearheaded the construction of an 18,000-seat stadium, called by one publication the "prettiest little stadium in America." And he orchestrated the deal that brought the championship game to Paulson Stadium for three straight years.

"Hey, I'm happy for what they've done," Roberts said. "Their A.D. has made I-AA a profitable means for the playoffs. People are making money, whereas five years ago they didn't make any. They've turned the championship into a bowl atmosphere. That's just outworking everybody. In our coaches meetings, I told them if they don't like it, put up a bid for the championship. It's a free country."

Nevada coach Chris Ault agrees. He blames last year's championship loss on the Georgia Southern option as much as on the home-field advantage, although he compared playing the Eagles at home to playing Notre Dame in Vatican City. "But the bottom line is they put money on the line and were willing to back it," he said. "So they've earned it."

Stowers isn't sold on this home-field-advantage talk. Yes, the Eagles had a 38-game home winning streak and a 42-1 record at Paulson Stadium before Eastern Kentucky defeated them, 42–34, on September 22. But Stowers says knowing the title game is in his backyard brings a pressure to succeed that negates much of the advantage. He felt the same pressure following Russell.

"Sure, there's added pressure to get to the championship game," Stowers admitted. "There's also added incentive. The way I look at it, Georgia Southern the last couple of years has been carrying the I-AA banner and showing people around the country just how good I-AA football is. If people want to cry about Georgia Southern getting to the championship, I remind them they had the same chance to bid in 1989 as we did."

Stowers took the same stoic attitude when Georgia Southern was 1-3. After opening with a victory over Valdosta State, the Eagles lost at Middle Tennessee State, among the nation's premier I-AA teams, and at Florida State, which is consistently among the top 10 I-A programs. Then came Eastern Kentucky, a perennial I-AA powerhouse that was ranked No. 1 during the season.

"It was a very difficult time," Stowers said. "People look on you as winners and losers. I was looked upon as a loser. But [the fans] jumped back on the bandwagon."

Stowers knows they just as easily could jump off again. He's already been confronted by fans speaking of a "three-peat." He began warning his players about overconfidence during spring drills. "It's hard to be hungry on a full stomach," he said. "They may go to the beach and somebody might see them in a Georgia Southern T-shirt and say, 'Do you play for Georgia Southern?' They'll say, 'Yeah, we won the national championship.' Their heads will swell. It's very difficult to keep them headed in the right direction."

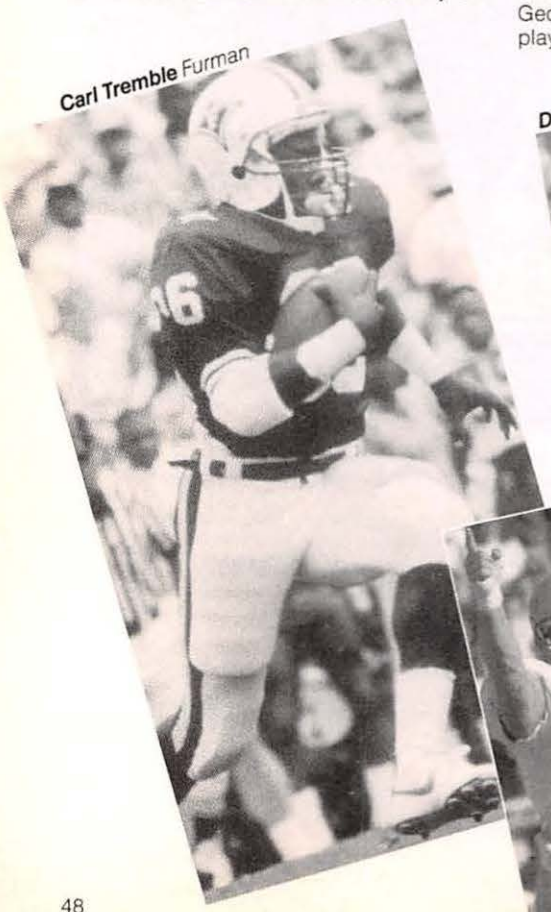
The task will become even more difficult in 1993, when Georgia Southern begins its first season in the Southern Conference, arguably the toughest I-AA league in the country. Gone are the days of independent scheduling, where Stowers could mix a few lightweights in between heavyweights on the schedule. Many coaches argue scheduling gave the Eagles as much of an advantage as the site committee because they always had "easy" games to heal their wounds. In two years they will face a steady diet of Furman, The Citadel, Appalachian State, Marshall, and East Tennessee State.

"It probably will be tougher for Georgia Southern to win the Southern Conference than the national championship," Stowers said. "It's like a mini-SEC."

Funny. Stowers sounds like coaches from other leagues who profess the same thing. "It's true," said Satterfield, who was against Georgia Southern entering the league. "Maybe this will be the great equalizer."

Gorden hopes so. He doesn't think it's healthy for one team to be so dominant. "Just

Michael Payton *Marshall*


Carl Tremble *Furman*

Devon Pearce *Idaho*

Jeff Robinson *Idaho*

Larry Stayner *Boise State*

like people wanted to beat the Yankees back in the early '40s, you don't want the same teams winning year in and year out," he said.

But the same teams do win year in and year out. Furman, Eastern Kentucky, Middle Tennessee State, Youngstown State, Boise State, and many others are in the playoffs just as often as Georgia Southern is in the championship. The Southern, Southland, and Big Sky conferences are always the best-represented. The formula for all is the same: an offense based on a sound running game and a solid defense. Russell used it for eight years, compiling an 83-22-1 record. "If you go back and check the tally each year, I'd say nine of the top 10 teams fit those qualities," Stowers said.

Stowers sees no reason for this season to be different. If he can fit a few pieces together, he likes his chances for a third straight title. First, he must find a replacement for quarterback Raymond Gross, who ran the option to perfection in the 1990 title game, rushing for 145 yards on 31 carries. Georgia Southern was 44-8 with him at the helm. "Finding the right man will be critical," Stowers said.

It's a situation the Eagles have faced before. "When they lost Tracy Ham [the first player in college history to rush for more than 3,000 yards and pass for more than 5,000, and the Eagles' quarterback on the 1985 and '86 national title teams], everybody thought they would fall apart then," said Roberts. "Look what happened. I don't think many people feel too sorry for them because they don't have a quarterback back," Roberts said.

Too many coaches are worried about finding their own quarterback. Over half the teams ranked in the final top 20 poll last season are in the same situation. The most intriguing story is at Massachusetts. This would have been Gary Wilkos's junior year, but Wilkos broke his neck in the seventh game last season and will not play football again. Before the injury, Wilkos had rushed for 526 yards and three touchdowns, passed for 733 yards and four touchdowns, and led his team to an undefeated record. Massachusetts finished 8-2-1, including a loss to William & Mary in the first round of the playoffs.

"We're 2-2 A.G.—after Gary," Minutemen coach Jim Reid said. "I'm not sure we'll be able to maintain."

Perhaps Reid should talk to Ault about a trade. The Nevada coach used two quarterbacks en route to the championship game and says both will play again this year. Junior Fred Gatlin started most of the season, passing for 2,364 yards and 17 touchdowns. Chris Vargas played every down in seven overtime periods, including two straight triple-overtime victories in the playoffs.

Statistically, the nation's leading quarterbacks are back. North Carolina A&T's Connell Maynor led the country in passing efficiency a year ago, completing 64 percent of his throws. Weber State's Jamie Martin led the nation in total yards, with 3,700. Three of I-AA's top rushers also are back, led by Joe Campbell of Middle Tennessee State. Campbell averaged 7.5 yards per carry and scored 13 touchdowns for the team that finished the regular season ranked No. 1.

Middle Tennessee also has the toughest break in scheduling for 1991. Because Southeast Missouri becomes eligible for the Ohio Valley Conference championship, the Blue Raiders must play at Eastern Kentucky for the second straight year. EKU coach Roy Kidd figures he deserves the break. His Colonels were 10-0 in 1990 before losing quarterback Lorenzo Fields with a broken ankle. They lost their final regular-season game and then drew 1988 champion Furman in the first round of the playoffs. "I really thought we were good enough to win it all," Kidd said. With 15 returning starters, including six all-Ohio Valley players, he should have another shot. So should Northeast Louisiana, the class of the Southland once again with running back Roosevelt Potts back for his junior year.

Marshall could be the nation's dark horse. The Thundering Herd was 6-5 (4-3 in the Southern Conference) a year ago. But four of their losses were to playoff teams, three to top 10 teams by three points apiece. Furman remains the team to beat in the Southern, despite fewer scholarships and higher academic standards than most of its competition. The Paladins were right behind Georgia Southern in winning percentage during the 1980s.

"We're a Duke kind of an institution," Satterfield claimed. "I think we can still maintain that kind of tradition."

Against the tradition of a Georgia Southern?

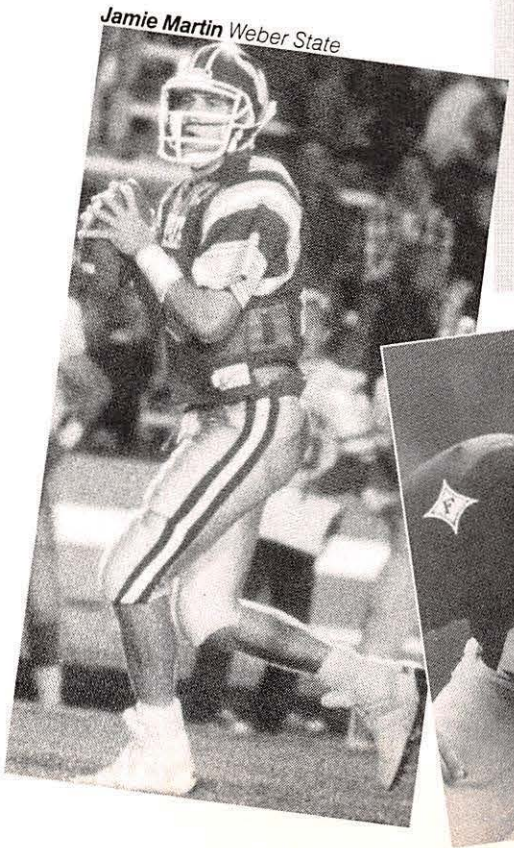
"Heck, I thought they were out of it at 1-3 last year," Satterfield said. "I didn't think they'd be the factor they were. They did a heck of a job coming back, no matter what anybody says about them." □

DIVISION I-AA ALL-AMERICA TEAM

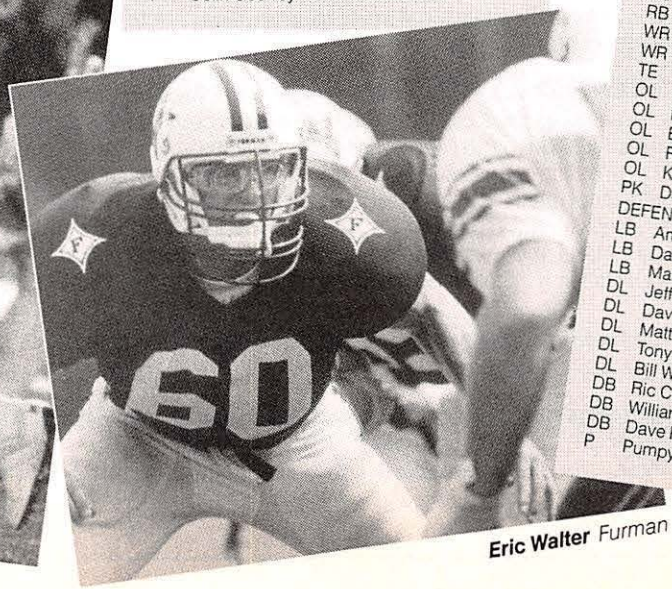
OFFENSE			
QB	Jamie Martin	SR.	Weber State
RB	Devon Pearce	SR.	Idaho
RB	Joe Campbell	SR.	Middle Tennessee
WR	Kasey Dunn	SR.	Idaho
WR	Mark Didio	SR.	Connecticut
TE	Trevor Shaw	JR.	Weber State
OL	Bruce Covernton	SR.	Weber State
OL	Steve McAdoo	SR.	Middle Tennessee
OL	Carl Satterly	SR.	Eastern Kentucky
OL	Rex Nottage	JR.	Georgia Southern
OL	Chad Germen	SR.	Montana
PK	Brian Mitchell	SR.	Northern Iowa
DEFENSE			
LB	Eddie Robinson	SR.	Alabama State
LB	Matt Clafton	SR.	Nevada
LB	Mark Blazejewski	SR.	Fordham
DL	Allen Edwards	SR.	Furman
DL	Steve Bussoletti	SR.	Georgia Southern
DL	Kent McIntyre	SR.	Eastern Illinois
DL	Corey Widmer	SR.	Montana State
DL	Ernest Thompson	SR.	Eastern Kentucky
DB	Willie Beamon	JR.	Northern Iowa
DB	Frank Robinson	SR.	Boise State
DB	Ricky Hill	SR.	South Carolina St.
P	Colin Godfrey	JR.	Idaho State

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE			
QB	Tom Ciaccio	SR.	Holy Cross
RB	Carl Tremble	JR.	Furman
RB	Robert Green	SR.	William & Mary
WR	Marcus Dowdell	SR.	Tennessee State
WR	Hendricks Johnson	SR.	Northern Arizona
TE	Todd Lenseigne	SR.	Eastern Washington
OL	Rich Cavanaugh	SR.	Massachusetts
OL	Rick Erps	SR.	Montana
OL	Eric Walter	SR.	Furman
OL	Rod Milistead	SR.	Delaware State
OL	Kevin Sargent	SR.	Eastern Washington
PK	Darren Goodman	SR.	Idaho State
DEFENSE			
LB	Andre Carron	SR.	Northwest (La.) State
LB	David Temple	SR.	Stephen F. Austin
LB	Mark Drahos	SR.	Nevada
DL	Jeff Robinson	JR.	Idaho
DL	David Wilkins	SR.	Eastern Kentucky
DL	Matt Shepherd	JR.	Northeast Louisiana
DL	Tony Jones	SR.	Illinois State
DL	Bill Walter	SR.	SW Missouri State
DB	Ric Crowder	SR.	Stephen F. Austin
DB	William Carroll	JR.	Florida A&M
DB	Dave Roberts	JR.	Youngstown State
P	Pumpy Tudors	SR.	UT-Chattanooga



Jamie Martin *Weber State*



Eric Walter *Furman*

ncaa statistics

FINAL DIVISION I-AA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Connell Maynor, *North Caro A&T*	JR	11	191	123	64.40	10	5.24	1699	8.90	16	8.38	156.3
Jay Johnson, *Northern Iowa*	SO	11	275	150	54.55	7	2.55	2768	10.07	15	5.45	152.0
Matt Degennaro, *Connecticut*	SR	10	257	160	62.26	8	3.11	1977	7.69	21	8.17	147.6
Ricky Jones, *Alabama St.*	JR	11	249	126	50.60	10	4.02	2213	8.89	21	8.43	145.1
Tom Ciaccio, *Holy Cross*	JR	11	324	196	60.49	14	4.32	2611	8.06	24	7.41	144.0
Jamie Martin, *Weber St.*	SO	11	428	256	59.81	15	3.50	3700	8.64	23	5.37	143.2
Todd Hatajik, *Bucknell*	SR	11	254	150	59.06	14	5.51	2026	7.98	21	8.27	142.3
Robbie Justino, *Liberty*	JR	11	382	228	59.69	13	3.40	3076	8.05	24	6.28	141.3
D. Smith, *Southwest Mo. St.*	SR	11	216	131	60.65	6	2.78	1798	8.32	9	4.17	138.8
Shawn Gregory, *Jackson St.*	SR	11	309	145	46.93	8	2.59	2762	8.94	20	6.47	138.2
Chris Hakel, *William & Mary*	SR	11	357	211	59.10	11	3.08	2830	7.93	19	5.32	137.1
Grady Bennett, *Montana*	SR	11	401	243	60.60	16	3.99	3005	7.49	24	5.99	135.3
Phil Ironside, *Middle Tenn. St.*	SR	11	231	140	60.61	6	2.60	1872	8.10	8	3.46	134.9
Raymond Gross, *Ga. Southern*	SR	11	169	108	57.14	6	3.17	1534	8.12	8	4.23	132.9
James Wade, *Tennessee St.*	SO	11	247	126	51.01	12	4.86	2052	8.31	16	6.48	132.5
Chris Swartz, *Morehead St.*	SR	11	354	210	59.32	12	3.39	2548	7.20	20	5.65	131.6
Tom Kirchhoff, *Lafayette*	SO	11	283	166	58.66	13	4.59	2248	7.94	13	4.59	131.4
Frankie Debusk, *Furman*	SR	11	234	125	53.42	12	5.13	2035	8.70	10	4.27	130.3
Antoine Ezell, *Florida A&M*	JR	11	292	140	47.95	10	3.42	2291	7.85	20	6.85	129.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

	rushing				passing					total offense	
	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pts	yds	ydpl	tdr*	yds pg
Jamie Martin, *Weber St.*	80	282	269	13	428	3700	508	3713	7.31	25	337.55
Dave Goodwin, *Colgate*	60	183	256	-73	453	3352	513	3279	6.39	23	298.09
Glenn Kempa, *Lehigh*	28	35	94	-59	402	2990	430	2931	6.82	19	293.10
Grady Bennett, *Montana*	84	415	213	202	401	3005	485	3207	6.61	28	291.55
Stan Greene, *Boston U.*	108	367	334	33	459	3135	567	3168	5.59	21	288.00
John Bonds, *Northern Ariz.*	74	144	275	-131	417	3039	491	2908	5.92	25	264.36
Chris Hakel, *William & Mary*	47	118	72	46	357	2830	404	2876	7.12	29	261.45
Robbie Justino, *Liberty*	63	30	345	-315	382	3076	445	2761	6.20	24	251.00
Tom Ciaccio, *Holy Cross*	72	291	167	124	324	2611	396	2735	6.91	29	248.64
Shawn Gregory, *Jackson St.*	44	122	170	-48	309	2762	353	2714	7.69	22	246.73
Leonard Valentine, *Nicholls St.*	131	601	175	426	221	1781	352	2207	6.27	13	245.22
Ricky Jones, *Alabama St.*	95	599	189	410	249	2213	344	2623	7.63	26	238.45
Jay Johnson, *Northern Iowa*	62	98	248	-150	275	2768	337	2618	7.77	18	238.00
Matt Griffin, *New Hampshire*	75	386	64	322	291	2283	366	2605	7.12	10	236.82
Bruce Mayhew, *Columbia*	92	331	219	112	345	2229	437	2341	5.36	9	234.10
Michael Payton, *Marshall*	110	354	310	44	347	2409	457	2453	5.37	19	223.00

*Touchdowns responsible for

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PLAYER

Rushing and passing	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Rushing and passing plays	Grady Bennett, Montana (Nevada-Reno, Nov. 3)	67
	John Bonds, Northern Ariz. (Northern Iowa, Nov. 17)	67
Rushing and passing yards	Antoine Ezell, Florida A&M (Delaware St., Oct. 13)	493
Rushing plays	Devon Pearce, Idaho (Boise St., Nov. 17)	44
Net rushing yards	Tim Lester, Eastern Ky. (Tennessee Tech, Oct. 27)	291
Passes attempted	Grady Bennett, Montana (Nevada-Reno, Nov. 3)	58
Passes completed	Dave Goodwin, Colgate (Holy Cross, Nov. 17)	34
	Grady Bennett, Montana (Idaho, Nov. 10)	32
	Matt DeGennaro, Connecticut (Delaware, Nov. 3)	32
Passing yards	Jamie Martin, Weber St. (Montana, Oct. 13)	504
Receiving and returns		
Passes caught	Mike Trevathan, Montana (Idaho, Nov. 10)	14
	Mike Geroux, Brown (Columbia, Nov. 17)	14
Receiving yards	Andre Motley, Marshall (Tenn.-Chatt., Oct. 20)	262
Punt return yards	Gary Harrell, Howard (Morgan St., Nov. 3)	216
Kickoff return yards	Anthony White, Morehead St. (Liberty, Sept. 22)	190

TEAM

	team (opponent, date)	total
Net rushing yards	Middle Tenn. St. (Tenn.-Martin, Oct. 13)	592
Passing yards	Weber St. (Montana, Oct. 13)	504
Rushing and passing yards	Jackson St. (Southrn-B.R., Oct. 13)	724
Fewest rushing yards allowed	Harvard (Fordham, Oct. 13)	-68
Passes attempted	Lehigh (Dartmouth, Sept. 22)	59
Passes completed	Montana (Idaho, Nov. 10)	37
Points scored	Montana St. (Northern Ariz., Oct. 6)	70

John McNiff
Cornell

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg
Barry Bourassa, *New Hampshire*	SO	9	957	276	133	368	1734	192.67
John McNiff, *Cornell*	JR	10	998	163	0	455	1616	161.60
Reggie Rivers, *Southwest Tex. St.*	SR	10	1145	89	0	374	1608	160.80
Treamelle Taylor, *Nevada-Reno*	SR	11	0	893	388	446	1727	157.00
Jamie Jones, *Eastern Ill.*	JR	11	1055	270	0	282	1607	146.09
Cisco Richard, *Northeast La.*	SR	11	548	617	179	263	1607	146.09
Walter Dean, *Grambling*	SR	11	1401	201	0	0	1602	145.64
Erric Pegram, *North Texas*	SR	11	957	444	0	193	1594	144.91
Devon Pearce, *Idaho*	JR	11	1393	196	0	0	1589	144.45
Rob Tesch, *Montana St.*	SO	9	1	540	130	591	1262	140.22
Anthony Owens, *Tennessee St.*	SR	11	46	574	203	717	1540	140.00
Kenny Shedd, *Northern Iowa*	SO	11	11	611	291	623	1536	139.64
Scott Oliaro, *Cornell*	JR	10	744	347	0	294	1385	138.50
Robert Green, *William & Mary*	JR	11	1185	291	0	31	1507	137.00
Joe Campbell, *Middle Tenn. St.*	JR	10	1136	-224	0	0	1360	136.00
Don Smith, *Western Ky.*	SR	8	881	67	0	134	1082	135.25
Horace Hamm, *Lehigh*	JR	11	33	1148	0	280	1461	132.82
Archie Herring, *Youngstown St.*	SR	11	824	32	0	575	1431	130.09
Anthony White, *Morehead St.*	JR	11	5	506	299	617	1427	129.73
Jerome Williams, *Morehead St.*	SR	11	856	527	0	14	1397	127.00
Gerald Robinson, *Northern Ariz.*	SO	11	554	116	0	721	1391	126.45

ncaa statistics

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	avg
Colin Godfrey, *Tennessee St*	SO	57	45.66
Paul Alsbury, *Southwest Texas St*	SR	39	44.85
Pumpy Tudors, *Tennessee-Chattanooga*	JR	63	44.60
Duffy Daugherty, *Idaho St*	SR	57	42.35
Chad McCarty, *Northeast La*	SO	71	41.49
Leo Araguz, *S.F. Austin St*	SO	84	41.42
Harold Alexander, *Appalachian St*	SO	74	40.95
Tracy Graham, *Tennessee Tech*	SR	48	40.71
Fred McRae, *Jackson St*	SR	47	40.66
Eric Willingham, *The Citadel*	JR	56	40.64
Gene Vadas, *Delaware*	SO	61	40.56
Brian Pindar, *Eastern Illinois*	JR	70	40.50
David Peters, *Southern Illinois*	SR	72	40.47
Joe Carrasco, *Idaho*	SR	53	40.40
Todd Davis, *Western Ky*	SR	55	40.29
Chuck Daniel, *Middle Tenn St*	SR	43	40.23
Chris Cassara, *Rhode Island*	JR	43	40.21
Rob Sims, *Pennsylvania*	SO	39	40.10

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Gary Harrell, *Howard*	FR	26	417	0	16.04
K. Shedd, *Northern Iowa*	SO	22	291	1	13.23
Chris Pierce, *Rhode Island*	SO	25	293	0	11.72
B. Randall, *Delaware St*	FR	14	163	0	11.64
Winky White, *Boise St*	SR	19	216	0	11.37
N. Bryan, *New Hampshire*	FR	27	306	2	11.33
T. Taylor, *Nevada-Reno*	SR	35	388	1	11.09
B. Bourassa, *New Hampshire*	SO	12	133	1	11.08
Ricky Hill, *South Carolina St*	JR	14	153	0	10.93
Percy Clay, *Jackson St*	SO	20	217	1	10.85
L. Dickinson, *Illinois St*	SR	24	260	0	10.83
K. Davenport, *Southern-B.R*	JR	30	323	2	10.77
Bill Cockhill, *Montana*	FR	28	298	0	10.64
T. Armstead, *Grambling*	SO	21	223	1	10.62
David Primus, *Samford*	JR	26	268	0	10.31
Mark Dupree, *Maine*	SR	15	154	0	10.27
A. White, *Morehead St*	JR	30	299	0	9.97
Sidney Felder, *Alcorn St*	JR	15	148	0	9.87

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
C. Swann, *Indiana St*	JR	20	642	2	32.10
A. Herring, *Youngstown St*	SR	18	575	2	31.94
K. Gainer, *Bethune-Cookman*	SR	21	635	0	30.24
Rob Tesch, *Montana St*	SO	21	591	0	28.14
E. Godfrey, *Western Ky*	SR	12	336	1	28.00
T. Taylor, *Nevada-Reno*	SR	17	446	1	26.24
K. Shedd, *Northern Iowa*	SO	24	623	0	25.96
S. Hillman, *Austin Peay*	FR	23	597	1	25.96
Adrian Cherry, *Liberty*	FR	18	465	0	25.83
W. Dunson, *Mid. Tenn. St*	SO	14	360	1	25.71
A. Ambrose, *Miss. Valley*	JR	18	460	2	25.56
J. Bodley, *William & Mary*	SO	14	356	0	25.43
Scott Kershaw, *Lafayette*	SR	20	500	1	25.00
Phillip Maher, *Harvard*	SO	18	446	0	24.78
Roman Carter, *Idaho*	SR	20	490	1	24.50
S. York, *S.F. Austin St*	SO	11	264	0	24.00
C. Johnson, *Southern-B.R*	SO	34	805	1	23.68
B. Holloway, *Western Illinois*	SR	15	354	0	23.60

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	no pg
Aeneas Williams, *Southern-B.R*	SR	11	11	173	1	1.00
Claude Pettaway, *Maine*	SR	11	11	161	1	1.00
Cedric Walker, *S.F. Austin St*	FR	11	10	11	0	.91
Ricky Hill, *South Carolina St*	JR	10	9	166	0	.90
Robert Turner, *Jackson St*	FR	11	9	212	4	.82
William Carroll, *Florida A&M*	SO	11	9	134	0	.82
Dave Roberts, *Youngstown St*	SO	11	8	77	0	.73
Willie Beamon, *Northern Iowa*	SO	11	8	72	1	.73
Sam Davis, *North Caro. A&T*	FR	11	7	154	0	.64
Anthony Brown, *Boise St*	JR	11	7	24	0	.64
Brian Randall, *Delaware St*	FR	10	6	123	0	.60
Brad Preble, *Dartmouth*	SR	10	6	18	0	.60
Derrick Toney, *Arkansas St*	JR	9	5	116	1	.56

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Walter Dean, *Grambling*	SR	11	221	1401	6.3	15	127.36
Devon Pearce, *Idaho*	JR	11	267	1393	5.2	15	126.64
Derrick Franklin, *Indiana St*	JR	11	284	1301	4.6	6	118.27
Reggie Rivers, *Southwest Tex. St*	SR	10	215	1145	5.3	5	114.50
Joe Campbell, *Middle Tenn. St*	JR	10	151	1136	7.5	13	113.60
Don Smith, *Western Ky*	SR	8	187	881	4.7	3	110.13
Shon Page, *Dartmouth*	SR	10	217	1087	5.0	11	108.70
Robert Green, *William & Mary*	JR	11	211	1165	5.6	17	107.73
Barry Bourassa, *New Hampshire*	SO	9	193	957	5.0	13	106.33
Joe Segreto, *Holy Cross*	SR	11	228	1143	5.0	8	103.91
Brady Jones, *Samford*	SR	11	217	1102	5.1	17	100.18
Curtis Thomas, *Sam Houston St*	JR	9	185	900	4.9	6	100.00
John McNiff, *Cornell*	JR	10	176	988	5.7	10	99.80
Jamie Jones, *Eastern Illinois*	JR	11	228	1065	4.6	5	95.91
Roosevelt Potts, *Northeast La*	SO	10	218	954	4.4	1	95.40
Carl Tremble, *Furman*	SO	11	197	1034	5.2	13	94.00
Tim Lester, *Eastern Ky*	JR	10	159	936	5.9	11	93.60
Rico White, *Alabama St*	FR	10	166	936	5.6	12	93.60
Tyrone Shelton, *William & Mary*	SR	11	184	1020	5.5	4	92.73
Erick Torain, *Lehigh*	SR	11	221	1017	4.6	17	92.45
Amir Rasul, *Florida A&M*	SR	11	203	1012	5.0	8	92.00

RECEIVING

	cl	g	no	yds	td	no pg
Kasey Dunn, *Idaho*	JR	11	88	1164	7	8.00
Mike Trevathan, *Montana*	SR	10	71	1006	7	7.10
Mark Dixie, *Connecticut*	JR	11	78	1153	10	7.09
Rodd Torbert, *Brown*	JR	10	67	908	6	6.70
Gary Comstock, *Columbia*	SR	10	67	811	3	6.70
Darren Allen, *Boston U*	SR	11	73	902	5	6.64
Rick Justice, *Weber St*	SR	11	73	880	3	6.64
Mike Gerous, *Brown*	SR	9	57	657	1	6.33
George Delaney, *Colgate*	JR	11	67	1146	7	6.09
Trevor Shaw, *Weber St*	SO	11	65	879	6	5.91
Cosco Richard, *Northeast La*	SR	11	65	817	5	5.91
Rich Clark, *Lehigh*	JR	9	52	775	7	5.78
Alex Davis, *Connecticut*	SO	11	62	814	9	5.64
Horace Hamm, *Lehigh*	JR	11	61	1148	5	5.55
Hendricks Johnson, *Northern Ariz*	JR	11	59	1091	11	5.36
David Jones, *Delaware St*	SR	10	53	1049	8	5.30
Jeff Parker, *Bethune-Cookman*	JR	11	58	937	6	5.27
Dave Pingue, *Morehead St*	JR	11	58	836	7	5.27
Eric Wright, *S.F. Austin St*	SR	9	47	713	10	5.22
Scott Mallory, *Boston U*	SO	9	47	547	5	5.22

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	fg pg
Brian Mitchell, *Northern Iowa*	JR	11	27	26	.963	2.36
Kevin McKelvie, *Nevada-Reno*	SR	11	24	21	.875	1.91
Darren Goodman, *Idaho St*	JR	11	23	20	.714	1.82
Eric Roberts, *McNeese St*	JR	11	25	19	.760	1.73
Matt Crews, *Middle Tenn. St*	JR	11	24	17	.708	1.55
Mark Klein, *Sam Houston St*	JR	11	26	17	.654	1.55
Dennis Dunlap, *Dartmouth*	SO	10	19	15	.833	1.50
Jose Brito, *Nicholls St*	SR	11	19	16	.842	1.45
Franco Grilla, *Central Florida*	SO	11	21	16	.762	1.45
Robbie Roberson, *Southwest Texas St*	JR	10	19	14	.737	1.40
Jason Crother, *Eastern Wash*	JR	11	22	15	.682	1.36
Rodney Allen, *Tennessee-Chattanooga*	SO	11	19	14	.737	1.27
Thayne Royle, *Idaho*	JR	11	19	14	.737	1.27
Jeff Williams, *Youngstown St*	FR	11	21	14	.667	1.27
Mike Shoun, *East Tenn. St*	SR	11	21	14	.667	1.27

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	pt pg
Barry Bourassa, *New Hampshire*	SO	9	16	0	0	96	10.67
Erick Torain, *Lehigh*	SR	11	19	2	0	116	10.55
Brian Mitchell, *Northern Iowa*	JR	11	0	31	26	109	9.91
Brady Jones, *Samford*	SR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Walter Dean, *Grambling*	SR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Deanare Smith, *Southwest Mo. St*	SR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Devon Pearce, *Idaho*	JR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Robert Green, *William and Mary*	JR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Kevin McKelvie, *Nevada-Reno*	SR	11	0	37	21	100	9.09
George Jackson, *Weber St*	SR	10	14	2	0	86	8.60
Joe Campbell, *Middle Tenn. St*	JR	10	14	2	0	86	8.60
Carl Tremble, *Furman*	SO	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
Matt Crews, *Middle Tenn. St*	JR	11	0	38	17	89	8.09
Thayne Royle, *Idaho*	JR	11	0	45	14	87	7.91
Joe Ayala, *Jackson St*	SR	11	0	50	12	86	7.82
Franco Grilla, *Central Florida*	SO	11	0	38	16	86	7.82
Rico White, *Alabama St*	FR	10	13	0	0	78	7.80
Darren Goodman, *Idaho St*	JR	11	0	25	20	85	7.73
Jake Reed, *Grambling*	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Joe Ross, *Ga. Southern*	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Glen Connelly, *Furman*	SR	11	0	42	13	81	7.36

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Jackson St.	11	418	38.0
Idaho	11	409	37.2
William & Mary	11	391	35.5
Alabama St.	11	384	34.9
Middle Tenn. St.	11	384	34.9
Southwest Mo. St.	11	378	34.4
Montana	11	372	33.8
Central Fla.	11	365	33.2
Grambling	11	364	33.1
Delaware St.	10	330	33.0
Nevada-Reno	11	356	32.4
Eastern Ky.	11	352	32.0
Florida A&M	11	349	31.7
Furman	11	345	31.4
Holy Cross	11	339	30.8
Bucknell	11	337	30.6
Northern Iowa	11	331	30.1
Lehigh	11	329	29.9
Youngstown St.	11	323	29.4
North Carolina A&T	11	311	28.3

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Middle Tenn. St.	11	101	9.2
Holy Cross	11	106	9.6
Youngstown St.	11	126	11.5
Dartmouth	10	121	12.1
Massachusetts	10	137	13.7
Eastern Ky.	11	155	14.1
Villanova	11	161	14.6
Marshall	11	162	14.7
North Carolina A&T	11	175	15.9
Alabama St.	11	177	16.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
William & Mary	11	870	5486	6.3	51	498.73
Weber St.	11	867	5343	6.2	40	485.73
Middle Tenn. St.	11	774	5155	6.7	45	468.64
Lehigh	11	844	5003	5.9	44	454.82
Idaho	11	834	5001	6.0	49	454.64
Grambling	11	826	4938	6.0	50	448.91
Montana	11	839	4860	5.8	46	441.82
Colgate	11	869	4846	5.5	37	440.55
Alabama St.	11	772	4828	6.3	50	438.91
Jackson St.	11	765	4816	6.3	43	437.82
Holy Cross	11	820	4812	5.9	46	437.45
S'west Mo. St.	11	819	4797	5.9	48	436.09
Delaware St.	10	761	4355	5.7	44	435.50
New Hampshire	11	836	4733	5.7	36	430.27
Furman	11	770	4585	6.0	40	416.82
Connecticut	11	838	4543	5.4	41	413.00
Florida A&M	11	753	4542	6.0	45	412.91
Eastern Wash.	11	836	4475	5.4	33	406.82
Nevada-Reno	11	862	4341	5.0	38	394.64
Central Fla.	11	793	4322	5.5	44	392.91

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Middle Tenn. St.	11	690	2693	3.9	12	244.8
Massachusetts	10	678	2567	3.8	14	256.7
Marshall	11	725	2862	3.9	21	260.2
Central Fla.	11	700	2862	4.1	23	260.2
Howard	11	768	3001	3.9	26	272.8
Dartmouth	10	674	2741	4.1	14	274.1
South Carolina St.	10	635	2754	4.3	22	275.4
Grambling	11	684	3042	4.4	29	276.5
Sam Houston St.	11	685	3071	4.5	21	279.2
New Hampshire	11	714	3100	4.3	22	281.8
Morehead St.	11	730	3121	4.3	27	283.7
Eastern Ky.	11	773	3134	4.1	18	284.9
Holy Cross	11	783	3157	4.0	13	287.0
Northeast La.	11	733	3174	4.3	19	288.5
Harvard	10	662	2894	4.4	24	289.4
North Carolina A&T	11	738	3188	4.3	25	289.8
James Madison	11	750	3210	4.3	23	291.8
S'west Mo. St.	11	729	3250	4.5	22	295.5
Alabama St.	11	756	3254	4.3	24	295.8
Youngstown St.	11	762	3287	4.3	15	298.8

*Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained			turnovers lost			margin/
	fum	int	total	fum	int	total	game
Citadel	18	18	36	12	3	15	1.91
Youngstown St.	14	22	36	10	7	17	1.73
Maine	19	25	44	13	12	25	1.73
Idaho	12	27	39	11	10	21	1.64
Eastern Ky.	18	25	43	18	7	25	1.64
Jackson St.	18	24	42	15	12	27	1.36
North Carolina A&T	23	21	44	16	13	29	1.36
Northern Iowa	16	16	32	10	7	17	1.36

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Delaware St.	10	591	2987	5.1	33	298.7
Middle Tenn. St.	11	533	3188	6.0	36	289.8
Eastern Ky.	11	607	3077	5.1	34	279.7
Southwest Tex. St.	11	624	3060	4.9	22	278.2
Va. Military	11	666	2960	4.3	26	269.1
Citadel	11	640	2933	4.6	31	266.6
Southwest Mo. St.	11	583	2835	4.9	38	257.7
James Madison	11	575	2788	4.8	27	253.5
Massachusetts	10	549	2498	4.6	18	249.8
William & Mary	11	511	2656	5.2	32	241.5
Cornell	10	499	2370	4.7	25	237.0
Dartmouth	10	544	2325	4.3	21	232.5
Youngstown St.	11	583	2539	4.4	22	230.8
Furman	11	528	2509	4.8	29	228.1
Northwestern La.	11	533	2497	4.7	19	227.0
Grambling	11	484	2482	5.1	25	225.6
Alabama St.	11	504	2422	4.8	26	220.2
Central Fla.	11	513	2394	4.7	30	217.6
Yale	10	508	2101	4.1	16	210.1
Delaware	11	547	2293	4.2	18	208.5

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Delaware St.	10	312	772	2.5	13	77.2
Eastern Ky.	11	367	878	2.4	9	79.8
Massachusetts	10	372	826	2.2	6	82.6
Montana	11	423	947	2.2	16	86.1
New Hampshire	11	395	993	2.5	6	90.3
Boise St.	11	387	1026	2.7	8	93.3
North Caro. A&T	11	416	1141	2.7	12	103.7
Grambling	11	397	1167	2.9	15	106.1
Alabama St.	11	359	1179	3.3	12	107.2
Middle Tenn. St.	11	415	1223	2.9	11	111.2
Nevada-Reno	11	396	1298	3.3	14	118.0
Morehead St.	11	448	1301	2.9	14	118.3
Southwest Mo. St.	11	414	1312	3.2	7	119.3
Northern Iowa	11	462	1329	2.9	14	120.8
Youngstown St.	11	412	1337	3.2	7	121.5
Holy Cross	11	478	1346	2.8	8	122.4
Howard	11	449	1362	3.0	14	123.8
Jackson St.	11	376	1379	3.7	10	125.4
South Caro. St.	10	402	1280	3.2	12	128.0
Harvard	10	400	1285	3.2	13	128.5

PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Weber St.	11	429	257	15	59.9	3764	8.8	23	342.2
Lehigh	11	464	260	11	56.0	3456	7.5	21	316.9
Montana	11	469	278	16	59.3	3482	7.4	26	316.5
Colgate	11	466	264	16	56.7	3427	7.4	21	311.5
Boston U.	11	479	264	14	55.1	3259	6.8	18	296.3
Liberty	11	397	234	13	58.9	3185	8.0	25	289.5
Northern Ariz.	11	447	204	28	45.6	3173	7.1	24	288.5
Connecticut	11	422	265	16	62.8	3161	7.5	27	287.4
Jackson St.	11	343	156	12	45.5	3006	8.8	20	273.3
Idaho	11	374	231	10	61.8	2990	8.0	26	271.8
Idaho St.	11	417	219	21	52.5	2943	7.1	16	267.5
Northern Iowa	11	269	158	7	54.7	2909	10.1	17	264.5
William & Mary	11	359	211	12	58.8	2830	7.9	19	257.3
Nevada-Reno	11	410	223	13	54.4	2782	6.8	20	252.9
East Tenn. St.	11	373	219	17	58.7	2781	7.5	13	252.8
Marshall	11	395	223	17	56.5	2777	7.0	14	252.5
Holy Cross	11	350	209	15	59.7	2771	7.9	25	251.9
Mississippi Val. St.	11	384	174	24	45.3	2687	7.0	20	244.3
New Hampshire	11	353	203	19	57.5	2659	7.5	12	241.7
Morehead St.	11	384	222	14	57.8	2657	6.9	20	241.5

PASSING EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	ratin
Middle Tenn. St.	11	275	126	45.82	18	6.55	1470	5.35	1	.36	78.8
Alabama St.	11	397	157	39.55	19	4.79	2075	5.23	12	3.02	83.8
Howard	11	319	117	36.68	13	4.08	1639	5.14	12	3.76	84.1
Dartmouth	10	262	119	45.42	16	6.11	1399	5.34	5	1.91	84.3
Marshall	11	248	107	43.15	16	6.45	1343	5.42	7	2.82	85.0
South Caro. St.	10	233	84	36.05	21	9.01	1474	6.33	10	4.29	85.3
Nevada-Reno	11	387	169	43.67	20	5.17	2060	5.32	10	2.58	86.5
Tennessee St.	11	282	113	40.07	20	7.09	1606	5.70	12	4.26	87.7
Youngstown St.	11	350	170	48.57	22	6.29	1950	5.57	8	2.29	90.3
Villanova	11	344	178	51.74	21	6.10	1693	5.50	5	1.45	90.5
Appalachian St.	11	250	113	45.20	19	7.60	1429	5.72	11	4.40	92.5
Furman	11	322	147	45.65	18	5.59	1875	5.82	9	2.80	92.6
Eastern Ky.	11	406	210	51.72	25	6.16	2256	5.56	9	2.22	93.4
Holy Cross	11	305	152	49.84	17	5.57	1811	5.94	5	1.64	93.9
Boise St.	11	420	198	47.14	26	6.19	2517	5.99	12	2.86	94.5
S.F. Austin St.	11	321	149	46.42	19	5.92	2006	6.25	8	2.49	95.3
Grambling	11	287	109	37.98	18	6.27	1875	6.53	14	4.88	96.4
Rhode Island	11	297	150	50.51	15	5.05	1735	5.84	7	2.36	97.2
Central Fla.	11	264	129	48.86	11	4.17	1407	5.33	10	3.79	97.8

Andre Motley *Marshall*

Final Records

Division I-A

	conference			overall		
Atlantic Coast	W	L	T	W	L	T
Georgia Tech	6	0	1	11	0	1
Clemson	5	2	0	10	2	0
Virginia	5	2	0	8	4	0
Maryland	4	3	0	6	5	1
North Carolina	3	3	1	6	4	1
North Carolina St.	3	4	0	7	5	0
Duke	1	6	0	4	7	0
Wake Forest	0	7	0	3	8	0
Big Eight						
Colorado	7	0	0	11	1	1
Nebraska	5	2	0	9	3	0
Oklahoma	5	2	0	8	3	0
Iowa St.	2	4	1	4	6	1
Kansas	2	4	1	3	7	1
Kansas St.	2	5	0	5	6	0
Missouri	2	5	0	4	7	0
Oklahoma St.	2	5	0	4	7	0
Big Ten						
Iowa	6	2	0	8	4	0
Illinois	6	2	0	8	4	0
Michigan	6	2	0	9	3	0
Michigan St.	6	2	0	8	3	1
Ohio St.	5	2	1	7	4	1
Minnesota	5	3	0	6	5	0
Indiana	3	4	1	6	5	1
Northwestern	1	7	0	2	9	0
Purdue	1	7	0	2	9	0
Wisconsin	0	8	0	1	10	0
Big West						
San Jose St.	7	0	0	9	2	1
Fresno St.	5	1	1	8	2	1
Utah St.	5	1	1	5	5	1
Long Beach St.	4	3	0	6	5	0
UNLV	3	4	0	4	7	0
Pacific	2	5	0	4	7	0
New Mexico St.	1	6	0	1	10	0
Cal St. Fullerton*	0	7	0	1	11	0
Mid-American						
Toledo	7	1	0	9	2	0
Central Michigan	7	1	0	8	3	1
Ball St.	5	3	0	7	4	0
Western Michigan	5	3	0	7	4	0
Miami (OH)	4	3	1	5	5	1
Bowling Green	2	4	2	3	5	2
Eastern Michigan	2	6	0	2	9	0
Kent	2	6	0	2	9	0
Ohio	0	7	1	1	9	1
Pacific-10						
Washington	7	1	0	10	2	0
Southern Cal	5	2	1	8	4	1
Oregon	4	3	0	8	4	0
California	4	3	1	7	4	1
Arizona	5	4	0	7	5	0
Stanford	4	4	0	5	6	0
UCLA	4	4	0	5	6	0
Arizona St.	2	5	0	4	7	0
Washington St.	2	6	0	3	8	0
Oregon St.	1	6	0	1	10	0
Southeastern						
Florida*	6	1	0	9	2	0
Tennessee	5	1	1	9	2	2
Mississippi	5	2	0	9	3	0
Alabama	5	2	0	7	5	0
Auburn	4	2	1	8	3	1
Kentucky	3	4	0	4	7	0
Louisiana St.	2	5	0	5	6	0
Georgia	2	5	0	4	7	0
Mississippi St.	1	6	0	5	6	0
Vanderbilt	1	6	0	1	10	0

*Ineligible for conference title

Southwest						
Texas	8	0	0	10	2	0
Houston*	7	1	0	10	1	0
Texas A&M	5	2	1	9	3	1
Baylor	5	2	1	6	4	1
Rice	3	5	0	5	6	0
Texas Christian	3	5	0	5	6	0
Texas Tech	3	5	0	4	7	0
Arkansas	1	7	0	3	8	0
Southern Methodist	0	8	0	1	10	0

*Ineligible for conference title

Western Athletic						
Brigham Young	7	1	0	10	3	0
Colorado St.	6	1	0	9	4	0
San Diego St.	5	2	0	6	5	0
Wyoming	5	3	0	9	4	0
Air Force	3	4	0	7	5	0
Hawaii	4	4	0	7	5	0
Utah	2	6	0	4	7	0
New Mexico	1	6	0	2	10	0
UTEP	1	7	0	3	8	0
Independents						
Louisville				10	1	1
Florida State				10	2	0
Miami				10	2	0
Notre Dame				9	3	0
Penn State				9	3	0
Louisiana Tech				9	3	0
Southern Mississippi				8	4	0
Temple				7	4	0
Syracuse				7	4	2
Army				6	5	0
Northern Illinois				6	5	0
South Carolina				6	5	0
Virginia Tech				6	5	0
East Carolina				5	6	0
Navy				5	6	0
Southwestern Louisiana				5	6	0
Memphis State				4	6	1
Boston College				4	7	0
Tulane				4	7	0
West Virginia				4	7	0
Akron				3	7	1
Pittsburgh				3	7	1
Rutgers				3	8	0
Tulsa				3	8	0
Cincinnati				1	10	0

Division I-AA

Big Sky						
Nevada	7	1	0	13	2	0
Boise St.	6	2	0	10	4	0
Idaho	6	2	0	9	4	0
Montana	4	4	0	7	4	0
Eastern Washington	3	5	0	5	6	0
Northern Arizona	3	5	0	5	6	0
Weber St.	3	5	0	5	6	0
Montana St.	3	5	0	4	7	0
Idaho St.	1	7	0	3	8	0
Gateway						
Northern Iowa	5	1	0	8	4	0
SW Missouri St.	5	1	0	9	3	0
Eastern Illinois	3	3	0	5	6	0
Illinois St.	3	3	0	5	6	0
Western Illinois	3	3	0	3	8	0
Indiana St.	1	5	0	4	7	0
Southern Illinois	1	5	0	2	9	0
Ivy League						
Dartmouth	6	1	0	7	2	1
Cornell	6	1	0	7	3	0
Yale	5	2	0	6	4	0
Harvard	3	4	0	5	5	0
Pennsylvania	3	4	0	3	7	0
Princeton	2	5	0	3	7	0
Brown	2	5	0	2	8	0
Columbia	1	6	0	1	9	0
Mid-Eastern Athletic						
Florida A&M	6	0	0	7	4	0
North Carolina A&T	5	1	0	9	2	0
Delaware St.	4	2	0	7	3	0
Howard	3	3	0	6	5	0
South Carolina St.	2	4	0	4	6	0
Beth.-Cook	1	5	0	4	7	0
Morgan St.	0	6	0	1	10	0

Ohio Valley						
Eastern Kentucky	5	1	0	10	2	0
Middle Tenn. St.	5	1	0	11	2	0
Tennessee St.	3	2	0	7	4	0
Morehead St.	3	2	0	5	6	0
Tennessee Tech	3	3	0	6	5	0
Murray St.	1	5	0	2	9	0
Austin Peay	0	6	0	0	11	0
Patriot League						
Holy Cross	5	0	0	9	1	1
Bucknell	3	2	0	7	4	0
Colgate	3	2	0	7	4	0
Lehigh	3	2	0	7	4	0
Lafayette	1	4	0	4	7	0
Fordham	0	5	0	1	9	0
Southern						
Furman	6	1	0	9	4	0
Appalachian St.	5	2	0	6	5	0
UT-Chattanooga	4	2	0	6	5	0
Citadel	4	3	0	7	5	0
Marshall	4	3	0	6	5	0
Western Carolina	2	5	0	3	8	0
VMI	1	5	0	4	7	0
East Tennessee St.	1	6	0	2	9	0
Southland						
NE Louisiana	5	1	0	7	5	0
McNeese St.	4	2	0	5	6	0
SW Texas St.	3	3	0	6	5	0
NW Louisiana	3	3	0	5	6	0
Sam Houston St.	3	3	0	4	7	0
North Texas	2	4	0	6	5	0
S.F. Austin St.	1	5	0	2	9	0
Southwestern Athletic						
Jackson St.	5	1	0	8	4	0
Alabama St.	4	2	0	8	2	1
Grambling	3	3	0	8	3	0
Mississippi Valley	3	3	0	5	6	0
Southern-B.R.	2	4	0	4	7	0
Texas Southern	2	4	0	4	7	0
Alcorn St.	2	4	0	2	7	0
Yankee						
Massachusetts	7	1	0	8	2	1
New Hampshire	5	3	0	7	3	1
Connecticut	5	3	0	6	5	0
Delaware	5	3	0	6	5	0
Villanova	5	3	0	6	5	0
Boston U.	4	4	0	5	6	0
Rhode Island	2	6	0	5	6	0
Maine	2	6	0	3	8	0
Richmond	1	7	0	1	10	0
Independents						
Youngstown State				11	1	0
William & Mary				10	3	0
Central Florida				10	4	0
Georgia Southern				12	3	0
Liberty				7	4	0
Samford				6	4	1
James Madison				5	6	0
Nicholls State				4	7	0
Arkansas State				3	7	1
Western Kentucky				2	8	0
Towson State				2	9	0
Northeastern				1	10	0

Division II

	conference			overall		
Central Intercollegiate A.A.						
Northern Division	W	L	T	W	L	T
Virginia Union	6	0	0	10	2	0
Norfolk St.	5	1	0	7	3	0
Hampton	3	3	0	5	5	0
Virginia St.	3	3	0	5	5	0
Bowie St.	2	4	0	3	6	0
Elizabeth City St.	2	4	0	3	6	1
Southern Division						
Winston-Salem*	4	1	1	7	4	1
Fayetteville St.	2	4	0	3	6	0
Livingstone	2	4	0	3	6	0
N. Carolina Central	2	4	0	3	7	0
Johnson Smith	0	6	0	0	9	0

*Won playoff from Virginia Union

Gulf South						
Mississippi Coll.	8	0	0	11	2	0
North Alabama	6	2	0	8	3	0
Jacksonville St.	6	2	0	9	3	0
Valdosta St.	5	3	0	5	5	0
Delta St.	4	4	0	5	5	0
Troy St.	4	4	0	5	5	0
Tenn.-Martin	2	6	0	4	7	0
Livingston	1	7	0	3	8	0
West Georgia	0	8	0	1	10	0
Lone Star						
East Texas St.	7	0	0	10	3	0
Angelo St.	5	2	0	7	3	0
E. New Mexico	5	2	0	6	4	0
Texas A&I	5	2	0	6	4	0
Central St. (OK)	3	4	0	4	6	0
Cameron	1	6	0	2	8	0
Abilene Christian	1	6	0	1	9	0
West Texas St.	1	6	0	1	10	0
Midwest Intercollegiate						
Grand Valley St.	9	1	0	10	2	0
Ashland	7	3	0	7	3	1
Hillsdale	7	3	0	7	4	0
Saginaw Valley St.	6	4	0	7	4	0
Ferris St.	5	4	1	6	4	1
Northern Michigan	5	4	1	5	4	1
Butler	5	4	1	5	5	1
Indianapolis	3	6	1	3	6	1
Wayne St.	3	7	0	3	7	0
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	2	6	0	2	6	0
Valparaiso	1	9	0	1	9	0
Missouri Intercollegiate A.A.						
Pittsburg St.	9	0	0	12	1	0
NE Missouri St.	8	1	0	9	2	0
SE Missouri St.	7	2	0	7	3	0
Central Mo. St.	5	4	0	5	5	0
Missouri Southern	4	5	0	4	5	0
SW Baptist	4	5	0	4	6	0
Washburn	4	5	0	4	6	0
Missouri Western	2	7	0	2	8	0
NW Missouri St.	2	7	0	2	8	1
Missouri-Rolla	0	9	0	0	10	0
North Central						
North Dakota St.	9	0	0	14	0	0
North Dakota	7	2	0	7	3	0
Northern Colorado	6	3	0	7	4	0
Morningside	5	4	0	7	4	0
Augustana (SD)	5	4	0	5	5	0
Mankato St.	4	5	0	5	6	0
South Dakota	3	6	0	4	7	0
St. Cloud St.	3	6	0	4	7	0
South Dakota St.	2	7	0	3	8	0
Nebraska-Omaha	1	8	0	2	9	0
Northern California Athletic						
UC Davis	5	0	0	7	3	0
Sonoma St.	4	1	0	7	3	0
Cal St. Chico	3	2	0	4	6	0
San Francisco St.	1	4	0	4	7	0
Humboldt St.	1	4	0	2	8	1
Cal St. Hayward	1	4	0	2	9	0
Northern Intercollegiate						
Minn.-Duluth	5	1	0	9	1	1
Southwest Minn.	5	1	0	8	3	0
Northern St. (SD)	5	1	0	7	4	0
Moorhead St.	3	3	0	5	5	0
Minn.-Morris	2	4	0	4	7	0
Winona St.	1	5	0	2	9	0
Bemidji St.	0	6	0	1	10	0
Pennsylvania						
Eastern Division						
Millersville	5	0	0	7	3	0
East Stroudsburg	3	2	0	6	4	0
Bloomsburg	3	2	0	4	7	0
Mansfield	2	3	0	4	5	1
Kutztown	2	3	0	5	6	0
Cheyney	0	5	0	0	11	0
West Chester*	—	—	—	6	4	0
Western Division						
Indiana	6	0	0	12	2	0
Edinboro	5	1	0	9	3	0
Slippery Rock	4	2	0	4	6	1
California	3	3	0	4	5	1
Shippensburg	2	4	0	5	6	0
Clarion	1	5	0	2	8	0
Lock Haven	0	6	0	1	10	0

Rocky Mountain Athletic

Mesa St.	4	0	0	6	3	0
Adams St.	3	1	0	5	4	0
Colorado Mines	1	3	0	5	5	0
Western St. (CO)	1	3	0	3	7	0
Fort Lewis	1	3	0	2	7	0
Chadron St.*	—	—	—	9	1	0
Fort Hays St.*	—	—	—	8	3	0
N.M. Highlands*	—	—	—	3	7	0

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Alabama A&M	6	1	0	6	5	0
Tuskegee	6	1	0	8	3	0
Savannah St.	5	2	0	7	4	0
Albany St. (GA)	4	3	0	6	4	0
Morris Brown	4	3	0	4	6	0
Clark Atlanta	2	5	0	4	6	0
Fort Valley St.	2	5	0	4	7	0
Morehouse	1	4	0	1	7	1
Miles*	—	—	—	1	9	0

*Ineligible for conference title

Western Football

Cal Poly SLO	4	1	0	10	2	0
Cal St. Northridge	4	1	0	7	4	0
Southern Utah St.	2	3	0	6	5	0
Santa Clara	2	3	0	6	5	0
Portland St.	2	3	0	6	5	0
Cal St. Sacramento	1	4	0	4	6	0

Independents

Wofford	9	3	0
New Haven	7	3	0
American International	7	3	0
St. Mary's (CA)	7	3	0
Sheperd (WV)	6	3	1
Wayne St (NE)	7	4	0
Springfield	6	4	0
Michigan Tech	6	4	0
UC Santa Barbara	6	4	0
Emporia St.	6	4	0
Kearney St.	6	5	0
Lenoir-Rhyne	6	5	0
Southern Connecticut St.	5	5	0
Knoxville	4	4	1
Newberry	3	8	0
Central Connecticut St.	2	7	0
Cal Lutheran	2	8	0
Kentucky St.	2	9	0

Division III

	conference			overall		
Atlantic Coll.	W	L	T	W	L	T
Marist	5	0	0	7	2	1
St. Francis (PA)	4	1	0	4	6	0
St. John Fisher	3	2	0	3	7	0
Brooklyn	1	4	0	2	6	0
Gallaudet	1	4	0	2	8	0
Siena	1	4	0	1	8	0
Centennial						
Dickinson	5	1	1	8	1	1
Western Maryland	5	2	0	6	3	1
Johns Hopkins	4	2	1	5	4	1
Swarthmore	4	3	0	7	3	0
Gettysburg	4	3	0	4	5	1
Ursinus	2	5	0	4	5	0
Franklin & Marshall	2	5	0	3	7	0
Muhlenberg	1	6	0	2	8	0
College Athletic						
Centre	3	1	0	8	2	0
Sewanee	3	1	0	6	3	0
Rhodes	2	2	0	7	2	0
Millsaps	2	2	0	5	4	0
Trinity (TX)	0	4	0	1	9	0
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin						
Augustana (IL)	7	1	0	8	2	0
Millikin	7	1	0	7	2	0
Illinois Wesleyan	6	2	0	7	2	0
Carroll (WI)	5	3	0	6	3	0
Carthage	4	4	0	5	4	0
Wheaton (IL)	4	4	0	4	5	0
North Central	2	6	0	2	7	0
North Park	1	7	0	1	8	0
Elmhurst	0	8	0	0	9	0

Eastern Collegiate

Bentley	4	0	0	7	1	0
Stonehill	3	1	0	3	4	1
Assumption	1	3	0	4	4	0
MIT	1	3	0	2	6	0
W. New England	1	3	0	2	5	0

Independent College Athletic

Rensselaer	3	0	0	6	1	2
Ithaca	2	0	0	8	2	0
St. Lawrence	1	2	0	6	4	0
Hobart	0	3	0	1	9	0

Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Central	8	0	0	10	2	0
Wartburg	7	1	0	9	1	0
Simpson	6	2	0	8	2	0
Loras	5	3	0	7	3	0
Luther	4	4	0	4	5	0
Upper Iowa	3	5	0	4	6	0
Dubuque	2	6	0	2	7	0
Buena Vista	1	7	0	1	9	0
William Penn	0	8	0	0	9	0

Liberty

LIU-C. W. Post	5	0	0	7	3	0
Merchant Marine	4	1	0	6	3	0
St. John's (NY)	3	2	0	5	5	0
Iona	2	3	0	5	5	0
Stony Brook	1	4	0	1	8	1
Pace	0	5	0	1	9	0

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic

Albion	4	0	1	7	1	1
Hope	3	1	1	6	1	2
Olivet	3	2	0	4	5	0
Adrian	2	2	1	4	4	1
Kalamazoo	1	3	1	3	5	1
Alma	0	5	0	3	6	0

Middle Atlantic

Lycoming	8	0	0	12	1	0
Juniata	6	2	0	7	2	1
Widener	6	2	0	7	2	1
Susquehanna	6	2	0	7	3	0
Moravian	4	4	0	6	4	0
Lebanon Valley	3	5	0	4	6	0
Delaware Valley	2	6	0	3	7	0
Albright	1	7	0	2	8	0
Wilkes	0	8	0	1	9	0

Midwest

Northern Division

Beloit	6	0	0	8	2	0
Ripon	4	2	0	7	2	0
St. Norbert	4	2	0	4	5	0
Lawrence	2	4	0	4	5	0
Lake Forest	0	6	0	1	8	0

Southern Division

Coe	6	0	0	8	2	0
Monmouth (IL)	6	1	0	7	2	0
Cornell College	3	4	0	5	4	0
Knox	2	4	0	3	6	0
Illinois College	2	5	0	4	5	0
Grinnell	0	7	0	0	8	1

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic

St. Thomas (MN)	7	2	0	8	3	1
Concordia-M'head	7	2	0	7	3	0
Bethel (MN)	6	3	0	7	3	0
Hamline	6	3	0	7	3	0
St. John's (MN)	6	3	0	7	3	0
Carleton	5	4	0	5	5	0
Gustavus Adolphus	4	5	0	5	5	0
St. Olaf	3	6	0	4	6	0
Macalester	1	8	0	1	9	0
Augsburg	0	9	0	0	10	0

New England

Northern Division

Plymouth St.	5	0	0	9	1	0
Lowell	4	1	0	9	1	0
Maine Maritime	3	2	0	5	4	0
Nichols	2	3	0	5	4	0
Mass.-Boston	1	4	0	4	5	0
Curry	0	5	0	2	7	0

Southern Division

Bridgewater (MA)	6	0	0	8	2	0
Worcester St.	5	1	0	5	4	0
Framingham St.	3	3	0	4	5	0
Mass. Maritime	2	4	0	3	6	0
Fitchburg St.	2	4	0	2	7	0
Westfield St.	2	4	0	3	7	0
S.E. Mass.	1	5	0	1	8	0

New Jersey Athletic

Ramapo	5	1	0	9	1	0
Trenton St.	5	1	0	10	2	0
Montclair St.	4	2	0	7	3	0
Glassboro St.	3	3	0	7	3	0
Kean	3	3	0	5	5	0
William Paterson	1	5	0	5	5	0
Jersey City St.	0	6	0	3	6	1

North Coast Athletic

Allegheny	7	0	0	13	0	1
Ohio Wesleyan	7	1	0	9	1	0
Wittenberg	6	2	0	7	3	0
Kenyon	4	3	0	6	4	0
Denison	3	4	0	6	4	0
Wooster	3	5	0	3	7	0
Case Reserve	2	4	0	4	6	0
Earlham	1	6	0	2	8	0
Oberlin	0	8	0	1	9	0

Ohio Athletic

Mount Union	9	0	0	10	1	0
John Carroll	8	1	0	8	2	0
Baldwin-Wallace	6	2	1	7	2	1
Capital	5	4	0	6	4	0
Otterbein	3	4	2	3	5	2
Ohio Northern	4	5	0	5	5	0
Heidelberg	3	6	0	3	7	0
Muskingum	2	7	0	3	7	0
Marietta	2	7	0	2	8	0
Hiram	1	7	1	1	8	1

Old Dominion Athletic

Emory & Henry	4	0	0	6	4	0
Hampden-Sydney	2	2	0	6	4	0
Randolph-Macon	2	2	0	5	4	1
Bridgewater (VA)	1	3	0	3	7	0
Washington & Lee	1	3	0	5	5	0

Independents

Hofstra	12	1	0
Dayton	11	1	0
Williams	8	0	0
Worcester Tech	8	0	1
Cortland St.	9	2	0
Frostburg St.	9	1	0
Ferrum	8	2	0
Union (NY)	8	1	0
DePauw	8	2	0
Buffalo St.	7	2	0
Nebraska Wesleyan	7	2	0
San Diego	7	2	0
Trinity (CT)	6	2	0
Tufts	6	2	0
Wesleyan	6	2	0
Guilford	7	3	0
Rose-Hulman	7	3	0
Bluffton	6	3	0
Gannon	6	3	0
Menlo	6	3	0
Davidson	5	3	0
Canisius	6	4	0
Drake	6	4	0
Quincy	6	4	0
Aurora	5	4	0
Wagner	5	5	0
Eureka	5	5	0
Georgetown	5	5	0
MacMurray	5	5	0
Maryville (TN)	5	5	0
Catholic	5	5	0
Wesley	5	5	0
Middlebury	4	4	0
Upsala	4	5	1

Presidents' Athletic

Wash. & Jefferson	4	0	0	10	1	0
Waynesburg	3	1	0	6	4	0
Thiel	1	3	0	4	5	0
Bethany (WV)	1	3	0	1	7	1
Grove City	1	3	0	1	8	0

Southern California Athletic

Redlands	5	0	0	8	12	0
Occidental	4	1	0	6	3	0
La Verne	2	2	1	4	5	0
Pomona-Pitzer	2	3	0	3	5	0
Claremont-M-S	1	3	1	2	7	0
Whittier	0	5	0	0	9	0

University Athletic

Carnegie Mellon	4	0	0	10	1	0
Washington (MO)	2	2	0	7	3	0
Rochester	2	2	0	5	5	0
Case Reserve	2	2	0	4	6	0
Chicago	0	4	0	1	9	0

Wisconsin State University

Wis.-Whitewater	8	0	0	10	1	0
Wis.-La Crosse	7	1	0	9	1	0
Wis.-Platteville	5	3	0	7	3	0
Wis.-Stevens Point	4	4	0	6	4	0
Wis.-River Falls	3	4	1	5	4	1
Wis.-Oshkosh	3	4	1	4	5	1
Wis.-Stout	3	5	0	4	6	0
Wis.-Eau Claire	1	7	0	2	8	0
Wis.-Superior	1	7	0	1	8	0

Colorado College	4	5	0
Coast Guard	4	5	0
Wabash	4	5	0
Alfred	4	6	0
Colby	3	5	0
Thomas More	3	6	0
Albany (NY)	3	7	0
Brockport St.	3	7	0
Western Connecticut St.	3	7	0
Evansville	3	7	0
Bates	2	6	0
Hamilton	2	6	0
Buffalo	2	8	0
Concordia (IL)	2	8	0
Duquesne	1	8	1
Amherst	1	7	0
Bowdoin	1	7	0
Blackburn	1	8	0
Illinois Benedictine	1	8	0
Mercyhurst	1	8	0
Norwich	1	8	0
Salisbury St.	1	8	0
Principia	0	7	1
St. Peter's	0	7	0
FDU-Madison	0	9	0
Kentucky Wesleyan	0	10	0
Methodist	0	10	0

1990 College Football Recap

Division I-AA Playoffs

First Round

Middle Tennessee St. 28 ...Jackson St. 7
Boise St. 20 .....Northern Iowa 3
Nevada-Reno 27 .....Northeast Louisiana 14
Furman 45 .....Eastern Kentucky 17
Central Florida 20.....Youngstown St. 17
William & Mary 38.....Massachusetts 0
Georgia Southern 31 .....Citadel 0
Idaho 41 .....Southwest Missouri St. 35

Quarterfinals

Boise St. 20 .....Middle Tennessee St. 13
Nevada-Reno 42 .....Furman 35 (3 OTs)
Central Florida 52.....William & Mary 38
Georgia Southern 28.....Idaho 27

Semifinals

Nevada-Reno 59 .....Boise St. 52 (3 OTs)
Georgia Southern 44 .....Central Florida 7

Championship

Georgia Southern 36.....Nevada-Reno 16

Division II Playoffs

First Round

Mississippi College 70 .....Wolford 19
Jacksonville St. 38.....North Alabama 14
Indiana (PA) 48.....Winston-Salem 0
Edinboro 38.....Virginia Union14
North Dakota St. 17 .....Northern Colorado 7
Cal Poly SLO 14.....Cal St. Northridge 7
Pittsburg St. 59.....Northeast Missouri St. 3
East Texas St. 20 .....Grand Valley St. 14

Quarterfinals

Mississippi College 14 .....Jacksonville St.7
North Dakota St. 47 .....Cal Poly SLO 0
Indiana (PA) 14.....Edinboro 7
Pittsburg St. 60.....East Texas St. 28

Semifinals

Indiana (PA) 27.....Mississippi College 8
North Dakota St. 39 .....Pittsburg St. 29

Championship

North Dakota St. 51 .....Indiana (PA) 11

Division III Playoffs

First Round

Hofstra 35.....Cortland St. 9
Trenton St. 24.....Ithaca 14
Washington & Jefferson 10..Ferrum 7
Lycoming 17.....Carnegie Mellon 7
Dayton 24 .....Augustana (IL) 14
Allegheny 26.....Mount Union 15
St. Thomas (MN) 24.....Wisconsin-Whitewater 23
Central (IA) 24 .....Redlands 14

Quarterfinals

Hofstra 38.....Trenton St. 3
Lycoming 24.....Washington & Jefferson 0
Allegheny 31.....Dayton 23
Central (IA) 33 .....St. Thomas (MN) 32

Semifinals

Lycoming 20.....Hofstra 10
Allegheny 24.....Central (IA) 7

Championship

Allegheny 21.....Lycoming 14 (OT)

NAIA Division I Playoffs

Quarterfinals

Carson-Newman (TN) 35.Southwest St. (MN) 6
Central Arkansas 26 ..... Northeastern Oklahoma 14
Central St. (OH) 48 ..... Fort Hays St. 10
Mesa St. (CO) 37 ..... Western New Mexico 30 (OT)

Semifinals

Central St. 41 ..... Carson-Newman 14
Mesa St. 10..... Central Arkansas 9

Championship

Central St. 38..... Mesa St. 16

NAIA Division II Playoffs

First Round

Baker (KS) 55 .....Bethany (KS) 7
Central Washington 43 ....Greenville (IL) 13
Dickinson St. (ND) 28 .....Chadron St. (NE) 3
Pacific Lutheran (WA) 37 .Concordia (WI) 3
Peru St. (NE) 24 .....Wisconsin-La Crosse 3
Tarleton St. (TX) 24 .....St. Mary's of the Plains (KS) 14
Westminster (PA) 47 .....Georgetown (KY) 13
William Jewell (MO) 26 ....Austin (TX) 23 (OT)

Quarterfinals

Baker 56 .....William Jewell 29
Peru St. 38 .....Dickinson St 34
Central Washington 24 ....Pacific Lutheran 6
Westminster 19.....Tarleton St. 17

Semifinals

Peru St. 27 .....Baker 3
Westminster 24.....Central Washington 17

Championship

Peru St. 17 ... .Westminster 7

Bowl Games

CALIFORNIA RAISIN
San Jose St. 48 / Central Michigan 24
INDEPENDENCE
Louisiana Tech 34 / Maryland 34
ALOHA *Syracuse 28 / Arizona 0*
LIBERTY *Air Force 23 / Ohio St. 11*
ALL-AMERICAN
North Carolina St. 31 / Southern Mississippi 27
BLOCKBUSTER *Florida St. 24 / Penn St 17*
PEACH *Auburn 27 / Indiana 23*
ANAHEIM FREEDOM *Colorado St. 32 / Oregon 31*
HOLIDAY *Texas A & M 65 / Brigham Young 14*
JOHN HANCOCK
Michigan St. 17 / Southern Cal 16
COPPER *California 17 / Wyoming 15*
GATOR *Michigan 35 / Mississippi 3*
HALL OF FAME *Clemson 30 / Illinois 0*
FLORIDA CITRUS
Georgia Tech 45 / Nebraska 21
COTTON *Miami 46 / Texas 3*
FIESTA *Louisville 34 / Alabama 7*
ROSE *Washington 46 / Iowa 34*
ORANGE *Colorado 10 / Notre Dame 9*
SUGAR *Tennessee 23 / Virginia 22*

Final Polls

ASSOCIATED PRESS

rank	school	record	points
1	Colorado (39)	11-1-1	1475
2	Georgia Tech (20)	11-0-1	1441
3	Miami (Fla.) (1)	10-2-0	1386
4	Florida State	10-2-0	1303
5	Washington	10-2-0	1246
6	Notre Dame	9-3-0	1179
7	Michigan	9-3-0	1025
8	Tennessee	9-2-2	993
9	Clemson	10-2-0	950
10	Houston	10-1-0	940
11	Penn State	9-3-0	907
12	Texas	10-2-0	887
13	Florida	9-2-0	863
14	Louisville	10-1-1	775
15	Texas A&M	9-3-1	627
16	Michigan State	8-3-1	610
17	Oklahoma	8-3-0	452
18	Iowa	8-4-0	370
19	Auburn	8-3-1	288
20	Southern Cal	8-4-1	266
21	Mississippi	9-3-0	253
22	Brigham Young	10-3-0	246
23	Virginia	8-4-0	188
24	Nebraska	9-3-0	185
25	Illinois	8-4-0	146

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

1.	Georgia Tech (30)	11-0-1	847
2.	Colorado (27)	11-1-1	846
3.	Miami (Fla.) (2)	10-2-0	763
4.	Florida State	10-2-0	677
5.	Washington	10-2-0	664
6.	Notre Dame	9-3-0	548
7.	Tennessee	9-2-2	449
8.	Michigan	9-3-0	426
9.	Clemson	10-2-0	420
10.	Penn State	9-3-0	301
11.	Texas	10-2-0	268
12.	Louisville	10-1-1	245
13.	Texas A&M	9-3-1	204
14.	Michigan State	8-3-1	120
15.	Virginia	8-4-0	65
16.	Iowa	8-4-0	57
17.	Brigham Young	10-3-0	41
17.	Nebraska	9-3-0	41
19.	Auburn	8-3-1	39
20.	San Jose State	9-2-1	16
21.	Syracuse	7-4-2	12
22.	Southern Cal	8-4-1	9
21.	Mississippi	9-3-0	7
24.	Illinois	8-4-0	6
25.	Virginia Tech	6-5-0	5

1991 ncaa schedules

Television Schedule

Wednesday, August 28
Georgia Tech vs. Penn State 9:00 PM (Raycom)
Thursday, August 29
Florida State vs. Brigham Young 9:00 PM (Raycom)
Saturday, August 31
Miami at Arkansas 12:30 PM (ABC)
East Carolina at Illinois 4:00 PM (ESPN)
Thursday, September 5
Tennessee at Louisville 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 7
Hawaii at Iowa 12:30 PM (ESPN)
Indiana at Notre Dame 1:00 PM (NBC)
Michigan at Boston College 3:30 PM (ABC)
Arizona at Ohio State 3:30 PM (ABC)
Washington at Stanford 3:30 PM (ABC)
Thursday, September 12
Houston at Miami 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 14
Louisville at Ohio State 12:30 PM (ESPN)
Notre Dame at Michigan 3:30 PM (ABC)
Penn State at Southern Cal 9:00 PM (ABC)
Thursday, September 19
Virginia at Georgia Tech 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 21
Michigan State at Notre Dame 1:00 PM (NBC)
Houston at Illinois 3:30 PM (ABC)
Arizona State at Southern Cal 3:30 PM (ABC)
Brigham Young at Penn State 8:00 PM (ABC)
Washington at Nebraska 8:00 PM (ABC)
Thursday, September 26
UCLA at San Diego State 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, September 28
Florida State at Michigan 12 Noon (ABC)
Southern Cal at Oregon 11:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, October 5
Notre Dame at Stanford 11:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, October 12
Pittsburgh at Notre Dame 1:00 PM (NBC)
Saturday, October 26
Southern Cal at Notre Dame 1:00 PM (NBC)
Thursday, October 31
Brigham Young at Colorado State 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, November 2
Navy at Notre Dame 4:00 PM (NBC)
Thursday, November 7
Texas A&M at Texas Christian 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Saturday, November 9
Tennessee at Notre Dame 1:00 PM (NBC)
Saturday, November 23
Ohio State at Michigan 12 Noon (ABC)
Thursday, November 28
Penn State at Pittsburgh 11:00 AM (ABC)
Texas at Texas A&M 8:00 PM (ESPN)
Friday, November 29
Oklahoma at Nebraska 1:30 PM (ABC)
Saturday, December 7
Army vs. Navy 1:30 PM (ABC)
Wednesday, December 25
Blue-Gray Classic 12 Noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl 3:30 PM (ABC)
Friday, December 27
Freedom Bowl 9:00 PM (Raycom)
Saturday, December 28
Blockbuster Bowl 9:00 PM (CBS)
Sunday, December 29
Independence Bowl 2:30 PM (ABC)
Gator Bowl 8:00 PM (TBS)
Liberty Bowl 8:00 PM (ABC)
Monday, December 30
Holiday Bowl 8:00 PM (ABC)
Tuesday, December 31
Sun Bowl 2:30 PM (CBS)
Copper Bowl 8:00 PM (TBS)
Wednesday, January 1
Peach Bowl 11:30 AM (ESPN)
Hall of Fame Bowl 1:00 PM (NBC)
Cotton Bowl 1:30 PM (CBS)
Fiesta Bowl 4:30 PM (NBC)
Rose Bowl 4:45 PM (ABC)
Orange Bowl 8:00 PM (NBC)
Sugar Bowl 8:30 PM (ABC)
Saturday, January 11
Hula Bowl 4:00 PM (NBC)
Saturday, January 18
Senior Bowl 2:00 PM (ESPN)
Sunday, January 19
East-West Shrine Classic 4:00 PM (ESPN)

ALL GAMES LIVE • ALL TIMES EASTERN
*+Home *Night Game*

AIR FORCE ACADEMY
Colorado Springs, CO

A. 31 Weber State +	33-35
S. 7 Colorado State	52-21
S. 14 Utah*	18-48
S. 21 San Diego State +	7-54
S. 28 Brigham Young	12-24
O. 5 Wyoming +	24-7
O. 12 Navy	27-57
O. 19 Notre Dame +	14-13
O. 26 Texas-El Paso +	
N. 2 New Mexico*	15-3
N. 9 Army +	27-3
N. 23 Hawaii*	

Coach: Fisher DeBerry • Colors: Blue & Silver
Nickname: Falcons • 1990 Record: W-7, L-5

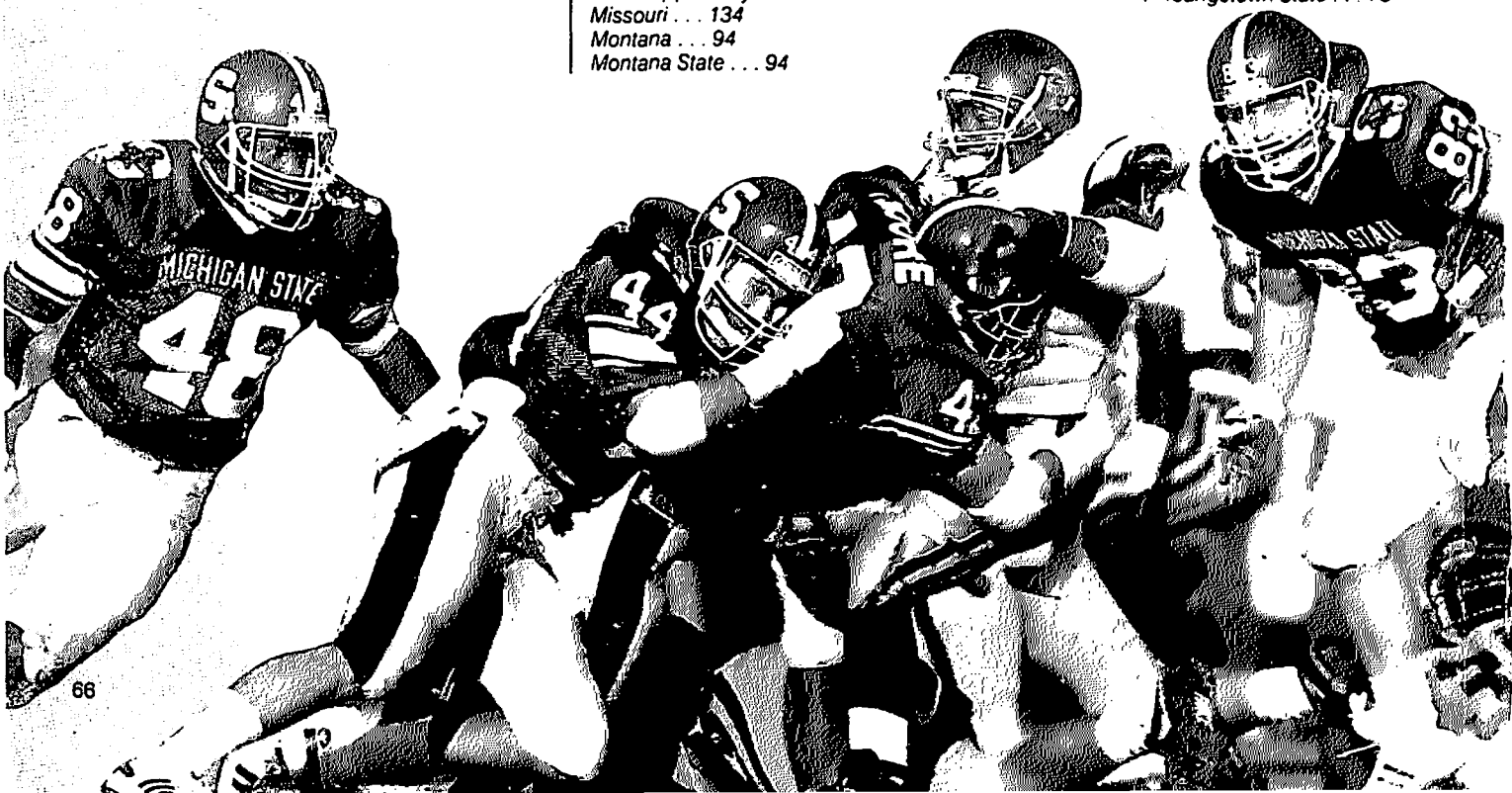
AKRON Akron, OH

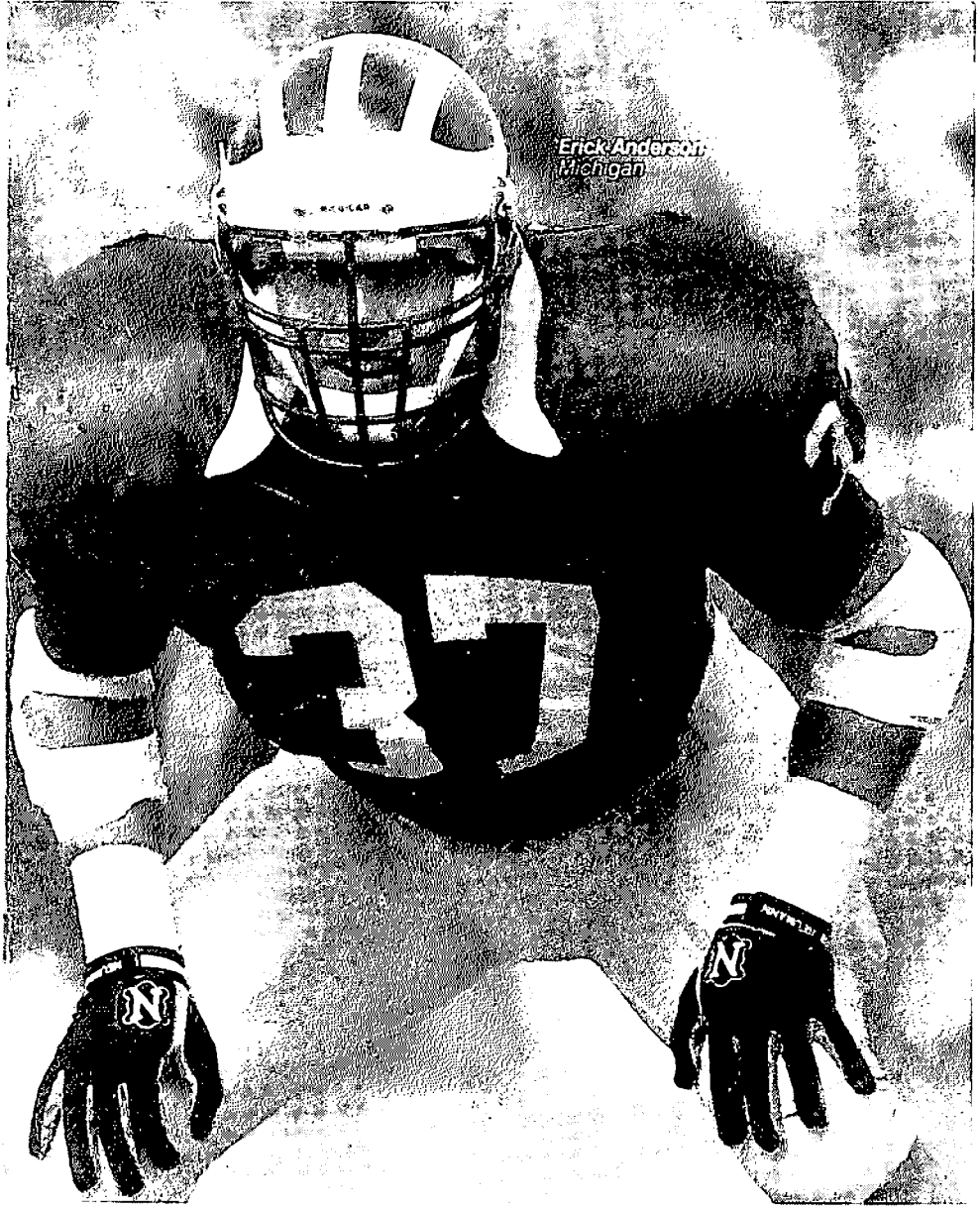
S. 7 West Michigan	20-24
S. 14 Illinois State +	17-7
S. 21 Central Michigan	14-14
S. 28 Northern Arizona +	
O. 5 East Carolina	23-28
O. 12 Youngstown State +	
O. 19 Arkansas State +	28-31
O. 26 Northern Illinois +	
N. 9 Virginia Tech	
N. 16 Army	
N. 23 Temple	

Coach: Gerry Faust • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips • 1990 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

team index

Air Force . . . 91
Akron . . . 78
Alabama . . . 102
Alabama State . . . 126
Alcorn State . . . 127
Appalachian State . . . 145
Arizona . . . 86
Arizona State . . . 86
Arkansas . . . 122
Army . . . 112
Auburn . . . 102
Austin Peay . . . 80
Ball State . . . 79
Baylor . . . 121
Bethune-Cookman . . . 147
Boise State . . . 94
Boston College . . . 111
Boston University . . . 117
Bowling Green . . . 79
Brigham Young . . . 91
Brown . . . 115
Bucknell . . . 113
California . . . 84
Cal State Fullerton . . . 89
Central Florida . . . 100
Central Michigan . . . 78
Cincinnati . . . 78
Citadel . . . 145
Clemson . . . 139
Colgate . . . 113
Colorado . . . 130
Colorado State . . . 92
Columbia . . . 115
Connecticut . . . 117
Cornell . . . 114
Dartmouth . . . 114
Delaware . . . 116
Delaware State . . . 147
Duke . . . 142
East Carolina . . . 143
Eastern Illinois . . . 136
Eastern Kentucky . . . 79
Eastern Michigan . . . 79
Eastern Washington . . . 95
East Tennessee State . . . 146
Florida . . . 101
Florida A&M . . . 146
Florida State . . . 97
Fordham . . . 114
Fresno State . . . 88
Furman . . . 144
Georgia . . . 103
Georgia Southern . . . 99
Georgia Tech . . . 138
Grambling . . . 126
Harvard . . . 114
Hawaii . . . 92
Holy Cross . . . 113
Houston . . . 120
Howard . . . 147
Idaho . . . 93
Idaho State . . . 95
Illinois . . . 71
Illinois State . . . 136
Indiana . . . 71
Indiana State . . . 136
Iowa . . . 69
Iowa State . . . 132
Jackson State . . . 126
James Madison . . . 144
Kansas . . . 131
Kansas State . . . 132
Kent State . . . 79
Kentucky . . . 104
Lafayette . . . 113
Lehigh . . . 113
Liberty . . . 144
Long Beach State . . . 88
Louisiana State . . . 103
Louisville . . . 98
Maine . . . 117
Marshall . . . 144
Maryland . . . 141
Massachusetts . . . 116
McNeese State . . . 125
Memphis State . . . 100
Miami . . . 98
Miami (OH) . . . 79
Michigan . . . 68
Michigan State . . . 70
Middle Tennessee . . . 80
Minnesota . . . 72
Mississippi . . . 104
Mississippi State . . . 105
Mississippi Valley . . . 126
Missouri . . . 134
Montana . . . 94
Montana State . . . 94
Morehead State . . . 80
Morgan State . . . 147
Murray State . . . 80
Navy . . . 111
Nebraska . . . 129
Nevada . . . 93
Nevada-Las Vegas . . . 89
New Hampshire . . . 115
New Mexico . . . 93
New Mexico State . . . 89
Nicholls State . . . 125
North Carolina . . . 140
North Carolina A&T . . . 146
North Carolina State . . . 141
Northeastern . . . 112
Northeast Louisiana . . . 124
Northern Arizona . . . 95
Northern Illinois . . . 76
Northern Iowa . . . 134
North Texas . . . 125
Northwestern . . . 73
Northwestern State . . . 125
Notre Dame . . . 74
Ohio State . . . 69
Ohio University . . . 79
Oklahoma . . . 129
Oklahoma State . . . 133
Oregon . . . 84
Oregon State . . . 87
Pacific . . . 89
Penn State . . . 108
Pennsylvania . . . 115
Pittsburgh . . . 110
Prairie View . . . 127
Princeton . . . 115
Purdue . . . 73
Rhode Island . . . 117
Rice . . . 122
Richmond . . . 117
Rutgers . . . 110
Samford . . . 100
Sam Houston State . . . 124
San Diego State . . . 91
San Jose State . . . 88
South Carolina . . . 142
South Carolina State . . . 147
Southeast Missouri State . . . 80
Southern Cal . . . 83
Southern Illinois . . . 136
Southern Methodist . . . 124
Southern Mississippi . . . 99
Southern University . . . 127
Southwestern Louisiana . . . 99
Southwest Missouri State . . . 135
Southwest Texas State . . . 125
Stanford . . . 85
Stephen F. Austin . . . 125
Syracuse . . . 108
Temple . . . 111
Tennessee . . . 101
UT-Chattanooga . . . 145
Tennessee State . . . 80
Tennessee Tech . . . 80
Texas . . . 119
Texas A&M . . . 120
Texas Christian . . . 124
Texas-El Paso . . . 93
Texas Southern . . . 127
Texas Tech . . . 122
Toledo . . . 79
Towson State . . . 144
Tulane . . . 100
Tulsa . . . 134
UCLA . . . 83
Utah . . . 92
Utah State . . . 88
Vanderbilt . . . 105
Villanova . . . 116
Virginia . . . 140
Virginia Military . . . 145
Virginia Tech . . . 143
Wake Forest . . . 142
Washington . . . 82
Washington State . . . 87
Weber State . . . 95
Western Carolina . . . 145
Western Illinois . . . 136
Western Kentucky . . . 100
Western Michigan . . . 78
West Virginia . . . 109
William & Mary . . . 144
Wisconsin . . . 74
Wyoming . . . 92
Yale . . . 114
Youngstown State . . . 76





Erick Anderson
Michigan

midwest

by BOB MARKUS
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
STAN SUTTON
LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL

When Pete Rozelle was commissioner of the NFL, the buzz word was "parity." Pundits used to say that Rozelle would not be happy until the year when every team finished 8-8. Rozelle would have loved the Big Ten last year. For the first time in history, four teams tied for the league championship, with a 6-2 record, and a fifth was only a half-game back. Things were so tight that when Michigan's J.D. Carlson kicked a 37-yard field goal with no time remaining in the final game against Ohio State, it affected the fate of four teams. If the kick had failed, Ohio State instead of Michigan would have tied for the league title and Illinois instead of Iowa would have gone to the Rose Bowl.

Don't be too surprised if 1991 is a virtual repeat of 1990. Of the four teams that tied for the championship—Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, and Michigan State—only the Illini seem unlikely to repeat. And even if they tumble, they won't fall very far. Meanwhile, Ohio State seems poised to make a serious run for the Rose Bowl. Indiana, which returns most of its Peach Bowl squad, could sneak up on some teams. Even Minnesota, which finished only a game back of the leaders, is feeling pretty chesty going into the season. But the Gophers are on probation and won't be going anywhere at bowl time.

Michigan is the likely favorite for the Rose Bowl bid because of the strength of its offense. Gary Moeller opened up the attack in his first season and the Wolverines are no longer a one-dimensional team. They have strength in the offensive line, running backs, receivers, and quarterback. But like everyone else, Michigan has a potential flaw: its defensive backfield.

Iowa, which surprised everyone last year when it gained the Rose Bowl berth after going 5-6 the year before, won't surprise anyone this time. That is, unless the Hawkeyes lose more than two conference games. Their running probably won't be as strong as a year ago, but everything else is on track.

Ohio State has some weaknesses, including a recent history of inconsistency that has some Buckeye fans doubting whether John Cooper is the man to bring them back to glory. But Ohio State also has some awesome talent sprinkled throughout its lineup.

Michigan State's problem is a big one. The Spartans don't have a quarterback. Or, if they have one, coach George Perles doesn't yet know who it is. If he finds out, the Spartans have a shot at the Rose Bowl, too.

Illinois is an unknown after losing most of its defense. But the Illini were even more of an unknown in John Mackovic's first year in 1988 and they ended up playing Michigan for the Rose Bowl bid that November.

Indiana probably isn't good enough to challenge for the conference championship, but the Hoosiers will be a factor and could break into the first division again.

Minnesota might be nipping at the heels of the leaders but it's unlikely the Gophers will pull many surprises the way they did last year when they handed Indiana its first defeat and later knocked off league-leading Iowa.

The other three Big Ten teams will be also-rans once again. Northwestern lost its two best players but returns almost everybody

J.D. Carlson
Michigan

else and thus has a chance to move up a bit. Purdue, because of its defense, should improve under new coach Jim Colletto. Wisconsin had better improve under Barry Alvarez.

In a few years Penn State will be joining the Big Ten, but Notre Dame seems to be beating the Nittany Lions to it. The Irish open their season with four games against Big Ten teams. That will give Lou Holtz a chance to see whether he has any chance to contend again for a national championship. Holtz showed signs of strain last year when his team lost two regular-season games and needed the luck of the Irish to win a few others. Their

luck ran out in the Orange Bowl when Rocket Ismail's apparent game-winning touchdown-return of a Colorado punt was wiped out by a clipping penalty that may or may not have occurred, depending on which school you were rooting for. The fact that Holtz was an integral part of the NCAA investigation of Minnesota's football program did not help his peace of mind, either. But no one doubts his ability to develop consistently outstanding football teams, and this year's edition probably will be no exception. No one, except possibly Holtz, knows who the new Ismails, Chris Zoriches, and Michael Stonebreakers will be, but there will be a talented player replacing each of the departed superstars.

As for the other independents, Northern Illinois is facing a crossroads season. The Huskies lost not only Stacey Robinson, who led all college quarterbacks in rushing and touchdowns, but head coach Jerry Pettibone as well. New coach Charlie Sadler has to rebuild against a much tougher schedule than the one on which the Huskies too often stubbed their toes last year.

Gerry Faust appears in for a rough year at Akron after losing most of his defense. Cincinnati may be building something under Tim Murphy, but so far only the foundation is in place. It will be at least another year before the walls go up and a year beyond that before Bearcat fans can even think of raising the roof.

As for Youngstown State, the Penguins are becoming a power in Division I-AA and they probably are capable of beating any of the I-A independents in the area except for Notre Dame. They beat Faust's Zips last year.

Perhaps no conference has enjoyed more parity than the Mid-American, where Central Michigan became the first team in 10 years to defend its title successfully. Even at that, the Chippewas tied with Toledo at 7-1 and went to the California Raisin Bowl because of a 13–12 victory over the Rockets. Central Michigan, the nearest thing to a dominating team in the MAC, will be hard-pressed to "threepeat" because four first-team all-MAC players are gone. The Chippewas lost seven starters on defense and three on offense but should have enough depth to be in the race. Toledo must replace 12 starters, which could open the door for Western Michigan to rule the roost. The Broncos tied for third in the MAC and claim 14 returning starters.

The Ohio Valley Conference adds one more school this season, but the same two teams probably will dominate. Middle Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky tied for the 1990 OVC title and the perennial powers look to square off again this fall. Their meeting will be September 21 at Eastern Kentucky, and the game site itself is enough to stew some folks at Middle. The addition of Southeast Missouri State to the OVC (Tennessee-Martin will be eligible in 1992) led to some rescheduling, and one of the changes put Middle Tennessee at Eastern both in 1990 and '91. The Colonels have six all-OVC players, a 1,000-yard tailback, and 15 starters returning. Middle Tennessee, whose only regular-season loss was at Eastern, lost 16 starters.

predictions

big ten conference
1. Michigan, 2. Iowa, 3. Ohio State, 4. Michigan State, 5. Indiana, 6. Illinois, 7. Minnesota, 8. Northwestern, 9. Purdue, 10. Wisconsin

independents
1. Notre Dame, 2. Youngstown State, 3. Northern Illinois, 4. Cincinnati, 5. Akron

mid-american conference
1. Western Michigan, 2. Central Michigan, 3. Toledo, 4. Miami, 5. Ball State, 6. Bowling Green, 7. Eastern Michigan, 8. Kent State, 9. Ohio

ohio valley conference
1. Eastern Kentucky, 2. Middle Tennessee State, 3. Tennessee State, 4. Morehead State, 5. Southeast Missouri State, 6. Murray State, 7. Tennessee Tech, 8. Austin Peay

1991 all-midwest team

offense
Quarterback..Matt Rodgers..SR..Iowa
Quarterback..Jason Verduzco..JR..Illinois
Running back..Vaughn Dunbar..SR..Indiana
Running back..Robert Smith..SO..Ohio State
Running back..Tico Duckett..JR..Michigan State
Widereceiver..Courtney Hawkins..SR..Michigan State
Wide receiver..Desmond Howard..SR..Michigan
Tight end..Derek Brown..SR..Notre Dame
Line..Mike Devlin..JR..Iowa
Line..Jim Johnson..SR..Michigan State
Line..Tom Simpson..SR..Illinois
Line..Greg Skrepenak..JR..Michigan
Line..Mirko Jurkovic..SR..Notre Dame
Place-kicker..J.D. Carlson..SR..Michigan

defense
Line..Rod Davis..SR..Iowa
Line..Jeff Zgonina..SR..Purdue
Line..Mike Evans..SR..Michigan
Line..George Williams..SR..Notre Dame
Line..Alonzo Spellman..JR..Ohio State
Linebacker..Mark Hagan..SR..Indiana
Linebacker..Steve Tovar..SO..Ohio State
Linebacker..John Derby..SR..Iowa
Linebacker..Erick Anderson..SR..Michigan
Linebacker..Ed Sutter..SR..Northwestern
Back..Troy Vincent..SR..Wisconsin
Back..Marion Primous..SR..Illinois
Back..Sean Lumpkin..SR..Minnesota
Back..Alan Haller..SR..Michigan State
Punter..Craig Hentrich..JR..Notre Dame

big ten conference

MICHIGAN

(9-3, 6-2) Michigan was the best team that never had a chance to win the national championship last year. The Wolverines outplayed Notre Dame in a season-opening 28–24 loss and were 3-3 after dropping one point decisions to Michigan State and Iowa. But they won their last five regular-season games to gain a share of the Big Ten title and were absolutely awesome in demolishing Mississippi in the Gator Bowl. They rolled up 715 yards in that 35–3 victory.

The Wolverines should be a national contender again in Gary Moeller's second year as head coach. But they have to overcome a brutal schedule. For a change they don't open against Notre Dame. After visiting Boston College, the Wolverines host the Irish and Florida State back-to-back. Then they go on the road to Iowa and Michigan State to open the conference season. If Michigan gets through that minefield without blowing itself up, there should be no real problem until the season closer against Ohio State.

If Moeller has a major problem—other than that schedule—it is rebuilding his defensive backfield, which loses All-America safety Tripp Welborne as well as standouts Vada Murray and David Key. Only cornerback Lance Dottin returns from that unit, although

late-season injuries to some of the starters gave Otis Williams and Corwin Brown some game experience at the safety spots. The only other departed players on defense are middle guard T.J. Osman and linebacker John Milligan. The three returning linebackers are led by all-league standout Erick Anderson, who has led the team in tackles for an unprecedented three straight seasons. Both defensive tackles, Mike Evans and Chris Hutchinson, are back. They had 13 sacks between them in Big Ten play, with Evans sharing the conference lead with seven.

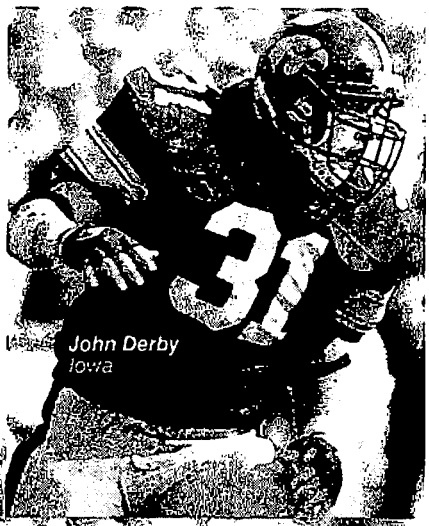
The strength of this Michigan team should be its offense. Not many teams can lose a talented sophomore like Jon Vaughn, who ran for 1,364 yards and nine touchdowns, and barely even miss him. The Wolverines can.

Even before Vaughn opted for the NFL draft it was becoming apparent that he might not be the best tailback on the team. Vaughn was sensational early in the season, but in the last four games he was being overshadowed by true freshman Ricky Powers, who rushed for 100 yards or more in each of them. Fullback Jarrod Bunch may be harder to replace.

Quarterback is set with Elvis Grbac, a 6-5 flinger who set a school record with 21 touchdown passes last year. Four of them came in the Gator Bowl blitz over Ole Miss. Significantly, those 21 TD passes more than doubled his interceptions (10). Grbac is blessed with one of the country's top receivers in Desmond Howard, who caught 63 for 1,025 yards last year. Eleven of those went for touchdowns and Howard added another score on a 95-yard kickoff return against Michigan State. His 29.5-yard kickoff-return average ranked second in I-A. Flanker Derrick Alexander, who caught 31 passes good for 450 yards and six touchdowns, gives Grbac another inviting target. Dave Diebolt is the tight end.

The offensive line will be typically awesome, even if guard Dean Dingman and tackle Tom Dohring have departed. Tackle Greg Skrepenak (6-8, 322) is an All-America. Joe Cocozzo started eight games at guard while Dingman was hurt and Matt Elliott started all 12 games, alternating between guard and center. He'll be back at guard and Steve Everitt, who started the first three games and the Gator Bowl, will be at center.

If that's not enough offense, kicker J.D. Carlson may be the best in the Big Ten.

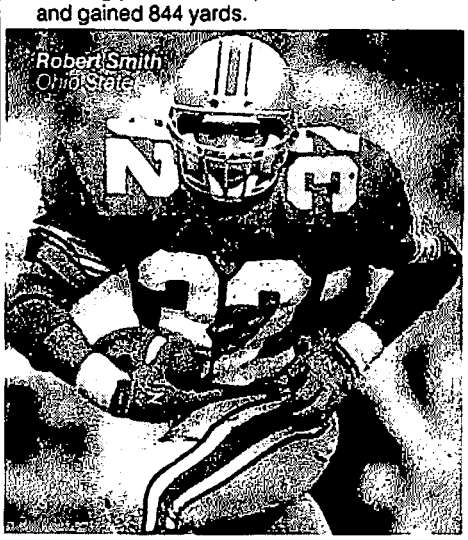

John Derby
Iowa

Matt Rodgers
Iowa

IOWA

(8-4, 6-2) A new dance craze swept through Iowa last year—the Hokey-Pokey. Actually it's an old dance but it took on new meaning when coach Hayden Fry led his Hawkeyes through it after each of their upset victories. And there were lots of them. The Hawkeyes beat Michigan State, Michigan, and Illinois, all on the road, to win a share of the Big Ten title and the Rose Bowl bid. But as often happens with Fry's team, the dancing shoes wore out toward the end of the season. The Hawkeyes lost two of their last three Big Ten games, including one to Minnesota that kept them from winning the title outright. Then they were embarrassed in the Rose Bowl by Washington.

The Hawkeyes won't sneak up on anybody this fall, as they may have done a year ago. But they may not have to. There are 14 starters and most of the backup people returning from last year. Some of the losses, however, are significant. Nick Bell, a 260-pound load at tailback gained 1,009 yards, scored 12 touchdowns, and was the Big Ten MVP. Defensive tackle Jim Johnson, though not as awesome as he had been the year before, was first-team all-conference. So were defensive back Merton Hanks, linebacker Melvin Foster, tight end Mike Titley, and defensive tackle Matt Ruhland. All are gone. So is Tony Stewart, Bell's dancing partner, who split time at the position and gained 844 yards.


Robert Smith
Ohio State

But Fry's glass is more than half full. For starters, there's all-league quarterback Matt Rodgers, who passed for 2,228 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also ran for nine touchdowns and became only the third Iowa quarterback to throw for 2,000 yards in consecutive seasons. Danan Hughes (29-410) and Jon Filloon (20-322) are back to receive Rodgers's offerings and most of the offensive line also returns. Center Mike Devlin and tackle Rob Baxley were all-league second-teamers. Starters Scott Davis and Ted Velicer also return and there is experience behind them.

Obviously someone will have to replace the Bell-Stewart tandem. Scooter Lampkin (38-161, 3 TDs) and Mike Saunders, used mostly at wide receiver last year, will get the first crack. Saunders had two 100-yard rushing games earlier in his career. Fullback is in good hands with returnees Lew Montgomery and Paul Kujawa.

Replacing the two outstanding tackles on defense will be a prime concern, but at least nose guard Rod Davis (6-4, 270), who led the team in tackles for loss, is back. Both starting ends, Leroy Smith and Moses Santos return, along with their top backups. Although Foster is gone, John Derby, the team's third-leading tackler, returns at the other linebacker spot. Top reserves Ted Faley and Mike Dailey will fight it out for Foster's job. The loss of Hanks, who started 48 games in his career at Iowa, is mitigated by the fact that everyone else in the secondary returns, including starters Eddie Polly, Brian Wise, and Doug Buch. Backups Jason Olejniczak and Gary Clark each had three interceptions.

Kicking was a problem for the Hawkeyes last year. Jeff Skillett is accurate inside the 40 but was only 1-for-6 beyond that. Punting sometimes was a disaster, blocked punts costing at least one game.

The Hawkeyes have gone back to Fry's favorite kind of schedule—an easy one—with nonleague games against Hawaii, Iowa State, and Northern Illinois. They get Michigan at home, but in the last two seasons Iowa has played better on the road.

OHIO STATE

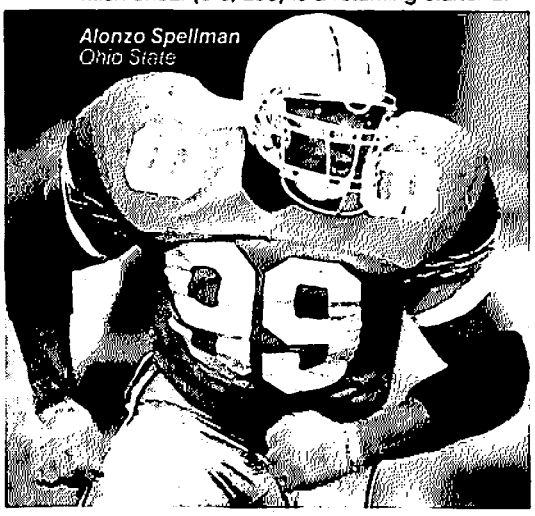
(7-4-1, 5-2-1) The Buckeyes are back. Sounds like an echo, doesn't it? That was the word on Ohio State last year, too. It almost came true when the Buckeyes upset Iowa late in the year and had a shot at the Big Ten title when they faced Michigan in the annual showdown. But those who were able to stay awake throughout the Buckeyes' listless 23–11 loss to Air Force in the Liberty Bowl may find it hard to take Ohio State seriously. You'll just have to take it on faith. There is too much talent in Columbus for the Buckeyes to fail to challenge for Big Ten and possibly national honors.

It's true that considerable talent has departed, but there's plenty left, particularly on offense. With the return of tailback Carlos Snow, who missed all of last year with an injury, Ohio State is as deep in backfield talent as any team in the country. Even without him the Buckeyes would be loaded. Tailback Robert Smith, who racked up 1,126 yards and eight touchdowns as a true freshman, has Buckeye fans more excited than any back since Archie Griffin. He broke Griffin's freshman running record, by the way. There's strength at fullback, too. Scottie Graham, brilliant in 1989 but hobbled with an injury last year, is healthy again and Raymont Harris, who scored eight touchdowns as Smith's backup at tailback, will switch to fullback now that Snow is on hand.

There will be a new quarterback with the departure of Greg Frey, who threw for more than 6,000 yards in three seasons but never captured the hearts of the hard-to-please Buckeye fans. The probable starter is Kent Graham, a transfer from Notre Dame who saw some action last year (15-26-2, 195 yards, 3 TDs). But redshirt freshman Joe Pickens was one of the most highly recruited quarterbacks in the country and he'll challenge for playing

time. The top two receivers, Bobby Olive and Jeff Graham, have departed and backups Bernard Edwards and Brian Stablein caught only 22 passes between them. But Cooper is hoping finally to get a healthy season out of tight end Jeff Ellis, who has missed most of the last two years with injuries after being touted as an All-America prospect.

The offensive line is always a strength at Ohio State and will be again. The only serious problem will be in replacing center Dan Beatty. Guard John Peterson also is gone but Roy Nichols (6-5, 295), who started seven games at tackle, started the final three at guard. The other guard is junior Len Hartman (6-2, 280). Mick Shoaf (6-6, 290) is a returning starter at


Alonzo Spellman
Ohio State

one tackle and sophomore Alan Kline (6-7, 285) is being hailed as a budding superstar after starting five times as a freshman.

Defensively, the Buckeyes began to show some of their old muscle last year, led by sensational newcomer Steve Tovar. The 6-4, 240 inside linebacker had 125 tackles, forced three fumbles, recovered two, and had 6½ tackles for loss. Alonzo Spellman (6-5, 265) was moved from linebacker to defensive end last year and was not as explosive as he had been as a freshman. With a year's experience, he should be a force. Already a force is nose guard Greg Smith (6-2, 255), who tied for the Big Ten lead with seven quarterback sacks. The other starting down lineman, tackle Rich Frimel (6-3, 250), returns for his senior year.

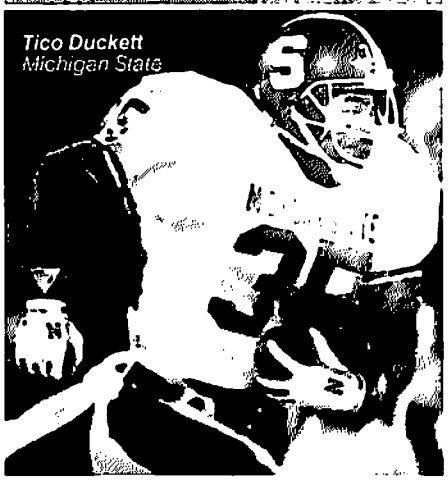
Cooper is hoping to get outside linebacker John Kacherski back from the injured list to replace Jay Koch. The other linebackers, Jason Simmons and Tom Lease, return. The biggest problem on defense is in the secondary, where only cornerback Foster Paulk is available. Among those who must be replaced is cornerback Vinnie Clark, a first-round pick in the NFL draft.

The Buckeyes play only three road games since the Northwestern game has been switched to less-than-neutral Cleveland. The key game once again could be at Illinois October 12, since Cooper is 0-3 against the Illini.

MICHIGAN STATE

(8-3-1, 6-2) If Reggie Jackson is Mr. October, then George Perles is Mr. November. Perles's Michigan State teams have not lost a game in November since 1986. Once again the Spartans started slowly in 1990 but came on like gangbusters to earn a share of the Big Ten

Courtney Hawkins
Michigan State

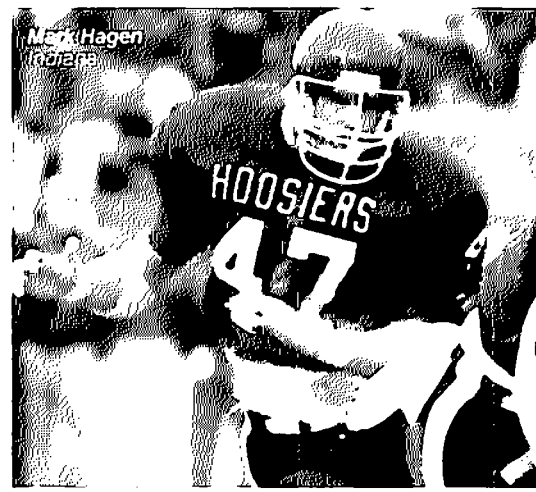

Tico Duckett
Michigan State

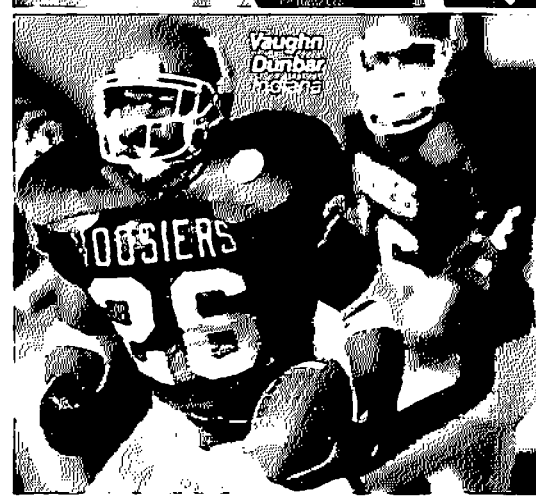
title and a hard-fought 17–16 victory over USC in the Sun Bowl. It isn't that Perles doesn't have his team prepared early. It's just that most of the Spartans' tough games are jammed into the front part of the schedule. And a Perles team almost never loses a game it should win. The Spartans' fate was decided in the sixth game last season when they lost, 15–13, on a last-second field goal at Illinois. A victory would have meant the Rose Bowl, since the last five opponents were out of the title hunt.

Perles thinks his team can make it to Pasadena this time despite some key losses. The one that had him most concerned was at quarterback, where Dan Enos left a big void. There were four players vying for the position in spring ball and nothing was resolved. One of the prospects was Bret Johnson, a transfer from UCLA, who may have miscalculated if he thought playing time could be bought more cheaply at Michigan State. Whoever gets the job in the fall will be throwing to one of the best wide receivers in college in Courtney Hawkins, who missed five games but still caught 31 balls for 474 yards. Hawkins also returns punts and kickoffs.

The offensive line once again needs rebuilding, but there is usually a wealth of building bricks at Perles's command. This time the cornerstone will be tackle Jim Johnson (6-5, 300) an all-Big Ten performer. Perles likes to run the ball—the Spartans led the Big Ten in rushing—and he has the runners to do it. The big name is tailback Tico Duckett, the leading returning rusher in the nation. Duckett (257-1,394) shared time last year with Hyland Hickson, who also gained 1,000 yards, and Perles likely will try to develop another strong backup. At the same time he has announced he wants Duckett to win the Heisman Trophy, saying, "I know the formula for winning the Heisman. If Tico gains 2,000 yards next year, he's got a chance." Meanwhile, freshman Sebastian Small likely will get most of the carries that Duckett doesn't get.

Defense, of course, is Perles's trademark, and although he's lost seven starters, he sees no reason the Spartans won't be strong again. "We're exactly where we were a year ago when we had to replace seven starters," he said. "We proved last year that we can do that and still play the kind of defense we expect at Michigan State." The top returning players on defense are middle linebacker Chuck Bullough and end Bill Johnson (6-4, 289). Despite losing such outstanding performers as linebackers Carlos Jenkins and Dixon Edwards and tackle Bobby Wilson, Perles is more concerned with the condition of his secondary, where three starters have left. The one who remains, however, cornerback Alan Haller, was honorable mention all-Big Ten


Max Hagen
Indiana


Vaughn Dunbar
Indiana

"Haller and Todd Murray give us a good nucleus in the secondary," said Perles. "That's an area we can improve quickly."

One area that needs little improvement is punting, where Josh Butland returns, but the hunt is on for a new place-kicker.

INDIANA

(6-5-1, 3-4-1) Will wonders never cease? Not, apparently, at Indiana while Bill Mallory coaches the football team. The Hoosiers appeared headed for a fall after Anthony Thompson left, but in reality they were headed for the Peach Bowl, where they nearly upset Auburn. And now, with 17 starters returning, Indiana could be headed for the Big Ten first division. It hinges, mostly, on whether an improving defense can get even better. A year ago, Mallory said the defense needed to improve "three or four notches." This year, it just needs tweaking. "It still needs to go up another notch," said Mallory.

The offense needs only fine-tuning. There are nine starters returning, although that is a little misleading because one of them, tight end Todd Walker, is moving to fullback, which was wiped out by graduation. A year ago, Mallory also thought he could coach 1,000 years and never find another tailback like Thompson. Now, after plugging Vaughn Dunbar into Thompson's old slot, Mallory is exclaiming: "Dunbar can be one of the top running backs in the country. He has the tools and he's got the same heart and stamina as Anthony." He also had 1,224 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns last year, helping to kick-start the Hoosiers to a 4-0-1 record before reality set in. The Hoosiers lost four of their next five but rebounded to beat archrival Purdue and earn their fourth bowl bid in five seasons. Tight end Walker is one of several candidates to replace the tandem of Ernie Thompson and Cal Miller at fullback. That pair totaled 627 yards. Another prospect is Corey Taylor, converted from linebacker.

There's no question this year about who will play quarterback. At least that's what Mallory says. Last year he went into the fall insisting that walk-on Chris Dyer was the man. Yet when the Hoosiers lined up for their first snap, it was long-time backup Trent Green under center. Dyer eventually got his shot when Green faltered at midseason, but after Green had scored three touchdowns against the vaunted Auburn defense, Mallory said, "There's no question at quarterback. He's more mature, has a lot of confidence, and the players respond to him."

The offensive line often was in chaos last year, but out of chaos comes stability. Mallory has three tackles who started at least seven games last year and three guards who started from four to seven. Center Jason Mack started the last 10. Few teams have much depth and experience. The biggest problem—and it could be a huge one—is replacing wide receiver Rob Turner (33-717).

On defense only three starters are gone, but that includes both safeties, Mike Dumas and Dave Ane. Dumas was the team's Most Valuable Player and an all-Big Ten performer. But there is a solid corps of returning linebackers, headed by Mark Hagen, a second-team all-conference pick, and big-play specialist Greg Farrall. Hurvin McCormack (6-4, 255), who lettered as a true freshman, will replace tackle Brian Hunnicut, the only departing down lineman.

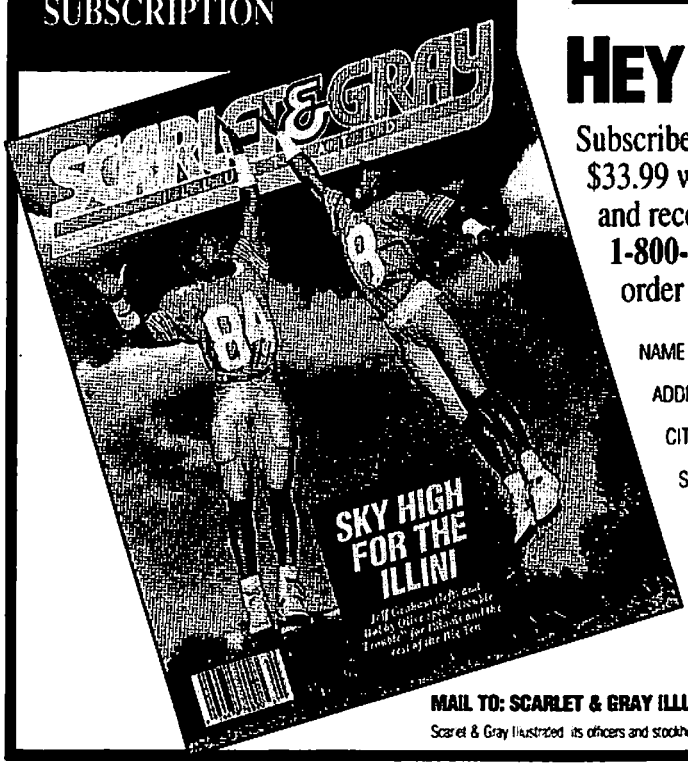
Place-kicking is another strength with Scott Bonnell already up to No. 6 on the school's career scoring list with two years remaining. If there is anything to disquiet Mallory it might be a peek at the schedule. The Hoosiers open at Notre Dame and also must face Michigan, Iowa, and Ohio State on the road.

ILLINOIS

(8-4, 6-2) For a team that had won only two Big Ten championships in the previous 36 years, Illinois seemed pretty unimpressed with its four-way share of the conference title in 1990. And with good reason. The Illini had gone into the season aiming much higher than that. The targets—the Rose Bowl and a national championship—did not seem all that unhittable.

But the national championship hopes began to crumble in the first 30 minutes of the season when Arizona built up a big half-time lead on the way to a 28–16 upset. The Rose Bowl dreams were shattered in a 54–28 humbling by Iowa in the pivotal game of the season. And, finally, a 30–0 humiliation at the hands of Clemson in the Hall of Fame Bowl made it a season that, on balance, was less than memorable.

FREE T-SHIRT
WITH A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION



SCARLET & GRAY ILLUSTRATED

HEY, OHIO STATE FANS!

Subscribe to 32 issues of *Scarlet & Gray Illustrated* for just $33.99 which is more than 40% off the newsstand price — and receive a *Scarlet & Gray Illustrated* T-shirt **FREE**. Call **1-800-837-BUCK(2825)** to subscribe today, or use the order blank below. **This offer also applies to renewals!**

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE ( ) _____
❑ CHECK ❑ MASTERCARD ❑ VISA ❑ MONEY ORDER
CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP. _____
SIGNATURE _____

MAIL TO: SCARLET & GRAY ILLUSTRATED, 6025 Frantz Rd., Dublin, Ohio 43017. Offer Expires Sept. 30, 1991

Scarlet & Gray Illustrated, its officers and stockholders are not and never have been associated with The Ohio State University.

Not that there weren't some memorable moments. Illinois was the only team to defeat national champion Colorado. Tailback Howard Griffith set an NCAA record with eight touchdowns in a game against Southern Illinois. But Griffith is gone, along with 14 other starters, and coach John Mackovic is almost back where he started. But not quite. When he arrived in 1988, Mackovic found few proven performers awaiting him, but a welter of untested talent. Among those players were nose guard Moe Gardner, linebacker Darrick Brownlow, defensive backs Henry Jones and Chris Green, and tackle Mel Agee. All of them are gone, too, after contending for the Big Ten title in each of the last three seasons.

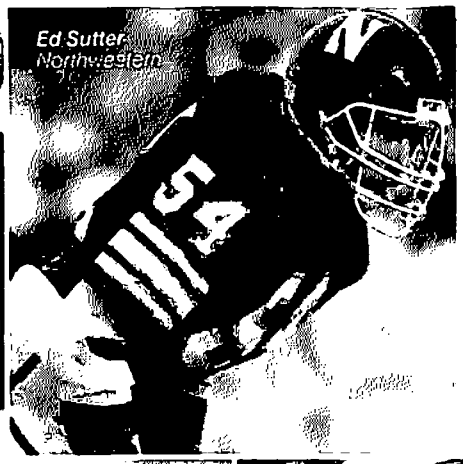
Mackovic still has a nucleus of good players schooled in his system. Since the Illini virtually missed out on an entire recruiting class during the last coaching changeover, however, most of the talent once again is young and untested, especially on defense. With only three starters back, Illinois cannot expect to be as steady defensively as it has been, for the most part, the last three years. But even with its veteran-laden team, there were some breakdowns at awkward times last year.

Because they play Houston in the third game of the season, the Illini are probably going to find their inexperience in the defensive backfield most obvious in the early going. Only free safety Marlon Primous is back from the starting group, but his backup, Mike Hopkins, started four games last year. Up front, junior Erik Foggey (6-3, 289) will replace All-America Gardner at nose tackle, and big things are expected from him. Sean Streeter, (6-3, 270), a sometime starter over the last two years, also is back at an outside tackle spot. Both Mike Poloskey and Julyon Brown have starting experience at outside linebacker, but freshmen and sophomores will be manning the inside spots. Redshirt freshman Dana Howard is highly touted.

Things are much more settled on offense, where quarterback Jason Verduzco stands tall, or as tall as a 5-9 quarterback can stand. Whatever the reasons Illinois did not live up to expectations in '90, Verduzco wasn't one of them. Called on to replace Jeff George, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, Verduzco led the Big Ten in passing efficiency while throwing for 2,567 yards. He has two years remaining and Mackovic expects him to get even better.

While Shawn Wax, who led the squad with 60 catches, is gone, four other experienced receivers return, led by Elbert Turner (23-310) and Steven Mueller (32-496). Both starting tight ends graduated but Dave Olson, who converted two of his five catches into touchdowns, will start. The offensive line is anchored by All-America candidate Tim Simpson (6-2, 284), one of the top run blockers in the country. Tackles Tony Laster (6-3, 281) and Brad Hopkins (6-3, 300) also return. Running back is a mystery with the departure of all-everything Griffith. Wagner Lester, the second-leading rusher (66-253), has moved to fullback, where he'll split time with Kameno Bell. Steve Feagin, a disappointment in his sophomore year, had a good spring and is the top candidate to start at tailback.

Joel Stamb
Minnesota


Ed Sutter
Northwestern

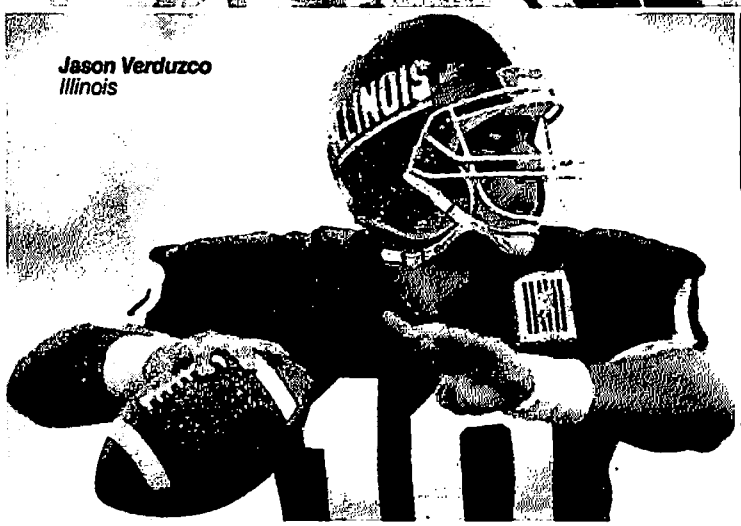
MINNESOTA

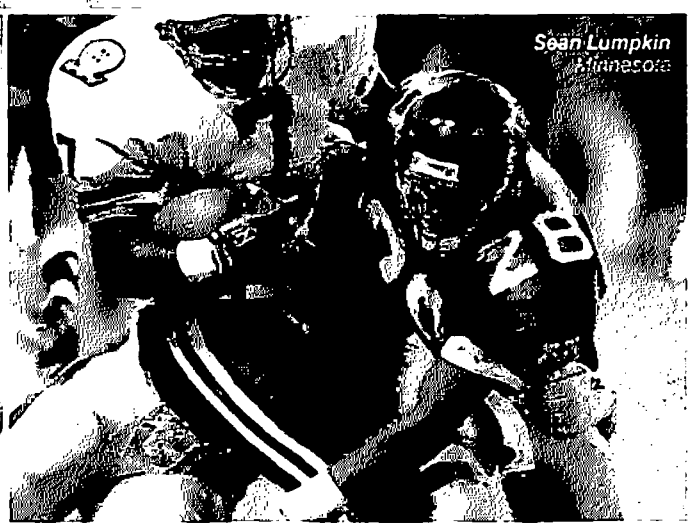
(6-5, 5-3) Just when things were looking up at Minnesota, the Gophers were hit by a one-year bowl ban as penalty for infractions that occurred during Lou Holtz's brief reign. Now it will be up to coach John Gutekunst to keep his team focused on winning for its own sake. The only other tangible prize, a Big Ten championship, seems out of range, although Minnesota finished only a game out of first last year and has 16 starters returning.

There is enough talent on hand for the Gophers to be respectable but not enough for them to leapfrog over the likes of Michigan, Michigan State, Iowa, and Ohio State. Even though they won five conference games, including the 31–24 victory over Iowa that knocked the Hawkeyes out of an undisputed championship, last year's Gophers ranked in the bottom half of the league in most offensive and defensive categories. Still, they might have gotten that coveted bowl bid last year but for one disastrous play in the season opener against Utah. Attempting to kick a game-winning field goal on the final play, the Gophers saw it blocked and returned 91 yards for a Utah touchdown

There are no marquee names on this Gopher team. The player with the best shot for star billing is quarterback Marquel Fleetwood, and it's not just because his first name is only a typographical error away from being up in lights. As a sophomore Fleetwood was voted the team's outstanding offensive player after winning the job from incumbent Scott Schaffner. Fleetwood replaced Schaffner after the Gophers had fallen behind, 19–0, in the first quarter of the opener. His statistics were not particularly glittering, just 1,199 yards passing, but he was the team's second-leading rusher, with 268 yards—including 128 in losses, most while attempting to pass. Schaffner also returns for his senior year to provide valuable backup service.

Gutekunst didn't expect to be able to replace star running back Darrell Thompson, and he didn't. But Mark Smith did a creditable job with 700 yards and five touchdowns. Most


Jason Verduzco
Illinois


Sean Lumpkin
Minnesota

of the other running backs also return. Unfortunately, the Gophers have only three lettermen—two of them starters—returning on the offensive line. The hardest to replace will be center Chris Thorne. Kevin Grant, the top wide receiver though not a starter, is gone, but Keswic Joiner, who averaged 20 yards per catch, is a deep threat.

Linebacking is the strength of the Gopher defense, where all three starters are back. Senior Joel Staats is the anchor of the unit. Up front, Mike Sunvold and Skeeter Akre must be replaced, but end Ben Williams (6-1, 240) and tackle Gary Isakson (6-4, 277) are returning starters. Another strength is in the secondary, where three of the four starters return. Senior safety Sean Lumpkin is the standout here. He had a 75-yard interception return against Ohio State—one of four he picked off last season—and led the team in tackles.

Gutekunst is looking for a kicker to replace Brent Berglund, who had three field goals longer than 45 yards last year. The Gophers might have taken some heart from the fact that Nebraska is off their schedule, but the Cornhuskers have been replaced by Colorado.

NORTHWESTERN

(2-9, 1-7) Northwestern loses just two starters from its offensive unit, but that's like saying the Dodgers of the mid '60s had all of their pitchers back except Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale. Running back Bob Christian and wideout Richard Buchanan are, in coach Francis Peay's view, "irreplaceable," but someone in purple will lug the ball this fall and someone will catch it. Make that some ones.

"No one running back will be able to produce as much (939 yards) as Bob Christian did for us," said Peay, "but we feel confident that Eric Dixon, Curt Zipfel, Terry Smith, and Bobby Jackson can perform well. Buchanan was a big part of our offense, but we have some quality depth at the receiver position."

For a change, there is also some quality depth on the offensive line, abetted by the fact that fifth-year senior Darryl Ashmore (6-7, 279), plagued by injury the last two years, is moving from defensive tackle to the offensive line. Another switch finds David Woollard (6-4, 282) going back to center from tackle, where he played last year. Ashmore's switch means that one of last year's starters will be odd man out; to begin with, it will be Tobin Buckner, who will back up Ashmore.

Quarterbacking seems to be in good hands with the emergence of Len Williams, who in his first year became the first Northwestern quarterback since Mitch Anderson in 1973 to throw more touchdown passes (12) than interceptions (10). Williams also is an accomplished scrambler.

On the other side of the ball there are seven starters returning, leading Peay to believe that the progress that was begun a year ago can continue. To be sure, Northwestern did have one midseason stretch where the defense looked just as porous as it had in the 0-11 campaign of 1989. But in the final two games of the season, the Wildcats began to show some claws as they almost upset Michigan State and Illinois back-to-back.

Linebacking appears to be a strength, headed by senior Ed Sutter, who led the Big Ten with 161 tackles last year. Tom Homco, who missed the final four games of the season with a foot injury, still was second on the team with 65 tackles. He'll start alongside Sutter at an inside backer spot. The line is anchored by fifth-year senior Dan Freveletti. Frank Boudreaux, who led the team with eight tackles for loss, is another returning starter. Although two of the four defensive backs return, Peay is concerned about replacing free safety Pat New. Still, "We hope that an improved defense will produce more victories," Peay said.

PURDUE

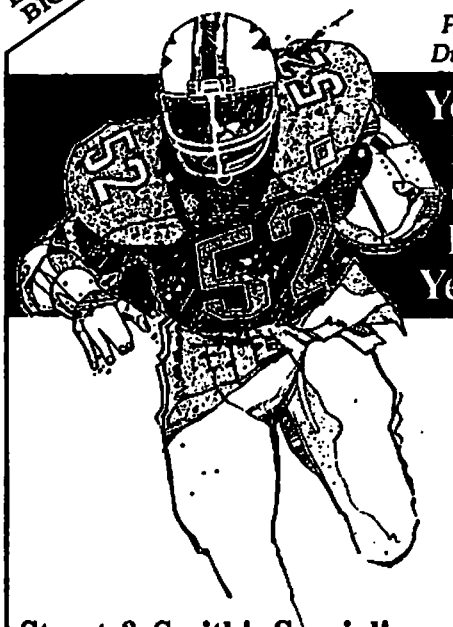
(2-9, 1-7) When Fred Akers installed the run-and-shoot offense at Purdue, it seemed natural for a school that has turned out passing quarterbacks the way John Deere turns out tractors. But Akers only ended up shooting himself in the foot when the new system produced another losing season. Akers resigned under pressure and was replaced by Jim Colletto, a former Boilermaker assistant and more recently the offensive coordinator at Ohio State. Colletto immediately junked the run-and-shoot, which had produced the top passing offense in the Big Ten, and installed the I-formation as his basic offense.

Of course, no coach can ignore Purdue's heritage except at his peril, and Colletto won't stop throwing the ball. After all, sophomore quarterback Eric Hunter did pass for 2,355 yards and 12 touchdowns. And nine of the top

ELEVENTH BIG YEAR!

OHIO STATE FANS!

Follow The Bucks Weekly During This Pivotal Season.



Your Most In-Depth Coverage of Buckeye Football Year-Round!!

Buckeye Sports Bulletin

Street & Smith's Special!

Up to twenty issues FREE!

- In-depth coverage of all OSU sports
  - -Weekly during football season
  - -Weekly during basketball season
  - -Every other week mid-March to mid-May
  - -Monthly December & June to August
- Game coverage at home and on the road

- Statistics, schedules, rosters
- The latest in recruiting information
- Comments from coaches and players
- Personality profiles and portraits
- Features on former Buckeye greats
- For daily OSU reports call the BSB Hotline, 1-900-896-0666 ($2 1st minute, $1 each additional minute)

Join thousands of readers in all 50 states

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____

☐ 1 year—$38.00 (30 issues plus 10 free)

☐ 2 Years—$64.00 (60 issues plus 20 free)

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover Card

Signature

Credit Card No. & Exp. Date

Mail to: Buckeye Sports Bulletin
1350 W. Fifth Ave., #25S
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Credit Card Orders Accepted 24 Hours a Day.
(YOU MUST MENTION STREET & SMITH'S OFFER)
Call (614) 486-2202

10 receivers are back, led by Ernest Calloway, who caught 47 for 541 yards. Of course, several of the receivers were running backs who gained more yards catching the football than lugging it.

The top runner, Tony Vinson, gained only 198 yards all season as the Boilermakers averaged but 55.6 yards per game on the ground. It was the sixth straight year that Purdue had failed to average 100 yards rushing. Colletto hopes to change that, but, then, so did Akers. The good news for Purdue is that the top nine rushers will return. Of course, that could also be the bad news considering their most recent performances. Colletto did sign Chicago prep standout Corey Rogers. Only two starters remain from an offensive line that hardly distinguished itself, giving up 39 sacks for 300 yards. Colletto will start to rebuild around center Bob Dressel (6-5, 290) and tackle Denny Chronopoulos (6-5, 290)

Defensively, the new coach may have more to work with. There is a good nucleus of returning linebackers and down linemen. Tackle Jeff Zgonina (6-3, 270), who blossomed when he switched from linebacker, led the conference linemen with 123 tackles, 20 of them behind the line of scrimmage. Tackle Frank Kmet (6-4, 264) is starting to live up to his potential. Three veteran linebackers, led by Jim Schwantz, should solidify Colletto's new 5-2 defense. Schwantz had an outstanding year in 1989 but broke a foot at the beginning of last season and was slow to return. The secondary must be replaced, including standout cornerback Steve Jackson.

One thing Colletto hopes will change is the Boilermakers' turnover ratio. They coughed up the ball 40 times on interceptions and fumbles and snatched it away only 16 times.

WISCONSIN

(1-10, 0-8) If progress is measured only in victories and losses, then Wisconsin took a tiny step backward last season, its first under new coach Barry Alvarez. The Badgers were 2-9 the year before. But the crowds started to come back to Camp Randall and, as the season progressed, so did the Badgers. By the end of the year they were able to throw a scare into powerful Michigan State before losing, 14–9. Still, there are miles to go before Alvarez can sleep easy. The offense, particularly the running game, was abysmal. Only once in conference play did the Badgers gain as much as 300 total yards, and that was against Northwestern.

The Badgers lost most of their offensive line, returning only 300-pound guard Chuck Belin. Fullbacks Mark Montgomery and Kevin Ellison return, but Montgomery totaled only 116 yards for the season, Ellison 100. Both were coming off position changes, however, and Alvarez hopes the year's experience will help. Robert Williams gained 541 yards as the starting tailback, and while that might not seem like much, it is the best by a Badger back since 1987.

Tony Lowery, who had quit the squad the previous year, returned to quarterback the Badgers last season and did a creditable job. His 1,757 passing yards were fourth-best in school history. But he threw for only five touchdowns, compared with 13 interceptions. Of course, he did not have a big-time receiving corps, either. The best of the returning receivers are Tony Spaeth (29-290), Lionell Crawford (26-288) a converted quarterback, and Tim Ware (24-473). Ware, with his 19.7-yard average per catch, is the most dangerous threat. Alvarez considers tight end to be a team strength, although starter Dave Czech caught only 11 balls for 116 yards.

Defensively there is a bit more to build on, although tackle Don Davey, first team all-Big Ten, is going to be missed. The only returning starter on the line is Lamark Shackeford. There are three returning linebackers, however, and inside backers Gary Casper and Brendan Lynch are gamers. Casper led the team in tackles while Lynch has started the last 22 games. Another stickout on the Badger defense is cornerback Troy Vincent, who broke up 10 passes in conference play and had a 71-yard punt return for a touchdown against Michigan State. Eddie Fletcher is back at the other corner. Rafael Robinson, who started at safety as a sophomore, returns after switching to tailback last year. So the secondary appears more than adequate.

Field-goal kicker Rich Thompson is deadly inside 40 yards (7-7) but was only 3-9 from long range. Still he must be regarded as one of the Badgers' more lethal weapons.

One thing that should help is the schedule. Wisconsin drops Michigan and adds Purdue to its leage slate and all its nonleague games--Western Illinois, Iowa State, and Eastern Michigan--are at home. It is conceivable, therefore, that the Badgers could win four games, even five, and that would be progress by anyone's measure.

Demetrius D[illegible]
Notre [illegible]

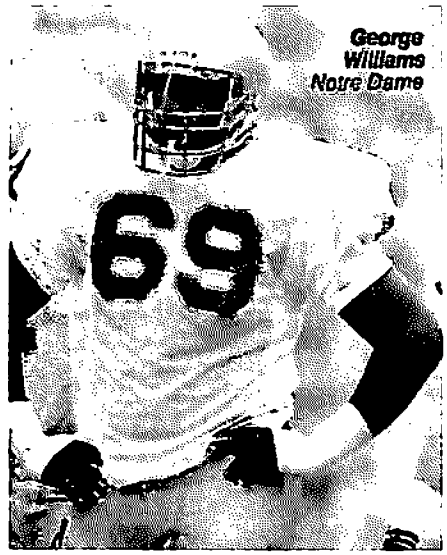
Eric Hu[illegible]
Purdue

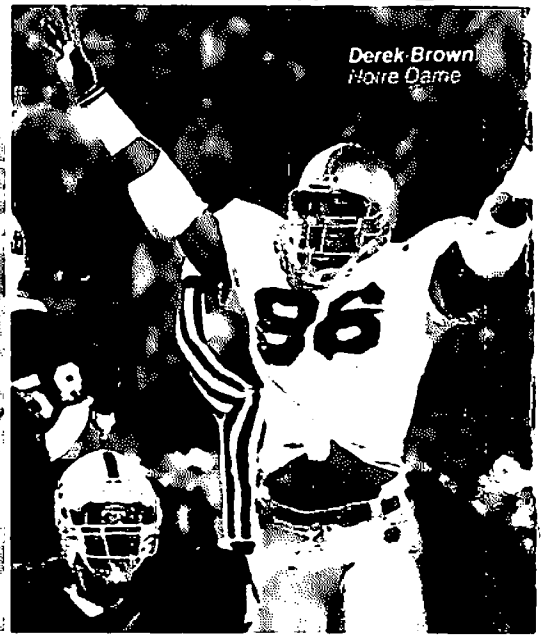
NOTRE DAME

(9-3) When his last football season for Notre Dame had ended, Raghib "Rocket" Ismail started competing in track meets. With a powerful offense and rebuilt defense, all of Notre Dame's football games could resemble track meets this fall.

Despite losing Ismail a year early to the pros, the Irish should be able to hang up some awesome point totals. Trouble is, their opponents are likely to score some, too. Although coach Lou Holtz, who would find something to fret about in Paradise, says he has to rebuild his offensive line, the truth is he has three quality starters returning, along with a great blocking tight end, Derek Brown. Sure, he lost center Mike Heldt, but veteran starter Gene McGuire (6-5, 270) moves back there from tackle, bringing two years of experience at the position. Guard Mirko Jurkovic (6-5, 281) and tackle Justin Hall (6-5, 295) also are on hand to ease Holtz's mind.

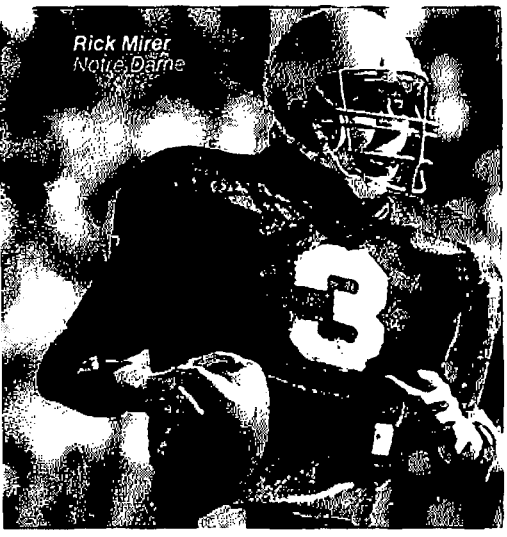
Even without the Rocket's red glare, Holtz can't complain about the rest of his offensive personnel. He may even have found a Rocket lookalike in Clint Johnson, a former high


George Williams
Notre Dame


Derek Brown
Notre Dame

school quarterback who broke a 96-yard kickoff return in the spring game. Johnson runs a 4.31 40 and carries the nickname "Cosmic." Holtz concedes that though "he doesn't have Rocket speed, he has that same flair of reckless abandon in running the ball." Ismail aside, quarterback Rick Mirer will have all of his other wide receivers back, including starting split end Tony Smith (15-229). Mirer made an impressive debut last year, leading the Irish to miracle finishes in his first two starts. He finished the season ranked ninth nationally in passing efficiency. Still, with as explosive a weapon at hand as the Rocket, Notre Dame was not really a passing team. Mirer threw for 1,824 yards and eight touchdowns, good numbers but not out of the ordinary. Ismail caught only 32 passes for 699 yards.

What the Irish do best—or at least the most—is run the football. And Holtz certainly does not lack for quality runners. With Rickey Watters gone, the starting tailback this fall will be Rodney Culver, who switched over from fullback. Culver not only was the leading rusher last year (710 yards), but his 13 catches for 145 yards ranked fourth-best on the squad.


Rick Mirer
Notre Dame

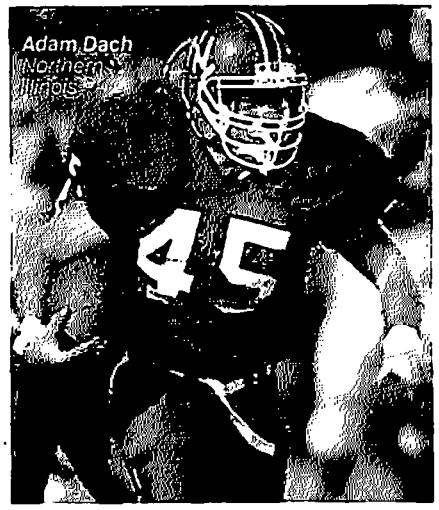
Holtz likes to use lots of runners, and in Willie Clark he may have found a good one to spell Culver. Clark, a safety last year, was a spring sensation, averaging seven yards a carry. He is fast enough to have beaten Ismail in a 200-meter sprint. Tony Brooks and Dorsey Levens also will be in the mix. Replacing Culver at fullback will be Jerome Bettis.

Holtz might be forgiven for moaning about his defense, especially since it sometimes was none too dominating last year. The Irish have lost such standouts as nose tackle Chris Zorich, linebacker Mike Stonebreaker, and cornerback Todd Lyght. All the other Irish defensive backs return, but even with Lyght, they gave up 267 passing yards a game last year. Other than backs Rod Smith and Greg Davis, Notre Dame has just two starters returning on defense. One, fifth-year defensive tackle George Williams (6-3, 298), will anchor the line. Junior Bryant will replace Zorich and Bryant Young is the other down lineman. Only Demetrius DuBose returns at linebacker. Jim Flanagan replaces Stonebreaker inside and Devon McDonald and Anthony Peterson will patrol the outside.

Though the names have changed, the quality is likely to remain at about the same level. The Irish have lost only four games in the last three seasons. With a somewhat easier schedule (Miami is not on it), the Irish are not likely to lose more than two this year. Their first four games are against Big Ten teams, including Indiana, Michigan, and Michigan State. If Notre Dame wins all four, Holtz can lobby to go to the Rose Bowl.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

(11-1) Trivia question? What was the only Division I-A or I-AA team to go 11-0 in the regular season last year? That's right, Youngstown State. The Penguins put the big chill on all 11 regular-season opponents, including I-A foes Akron, Ohio U., and Eastern Michigan. They were the only I-AA team to defeat more than one I-A school. The Penguins were ranked


Adam Dach
Northern Illinois

No. 2 in the final NCAA poll. Then it all ended abruptly with a first-round 20–17 loss to Central Florida in the playoffs.

With 16 returning starters, Jim Tressel can expect more of the same this fall. Starting his sixth year as head coach, Tressel has won 20 of his last 23 games. He has his entire offensive line back, led by tackle Mike Simonsic (6-4, 280). And quarterback Ray Isaac will be starting for the third year. He was 98-185 for 1,597 yards last year and threw only seven interceptions. He had 14 touchdown passes. Tressel does lose wide receiver, Ray Ellington, who caught 37 for 696 yards, but Andre Ballinger (19-374) is back. Leading rusher Archie Herring (221-904) is gone and he will also be missed on kickoff returns, where he averaged 30.6 yards, second in the nation. Tamron Smith, who gained 485 yards on 77 carries (6.3 average), will replace Herring at tailback. One big find for Tressel last year was freshman kicker Jeff Wilkins, who led the team in scoring, with 86 points.

On the other side of the ball the biggest loss was at nose tackle, where Tony Bowens was a I-AA All-America. The club's fourth-leading tackler, Bowens also was second in sacks. Pat Danko (5-10, 285), who started at tackle last year, moves to Bowens's nose-guard spot. And there is still a load of talent on defense, starting with linebacker Kevin Brown, who led the team with six sacks for 45 yards, had three other tackles for loss, and recovered two fumbles. In the secondary Tressel welcomes back Derek Pixley, the Penguins' leading tackler, and Dave Roberts, who had eight interceptions.

This fall there are no I-A schools on the schedule, but that doesn't mean the Penguins, good as they are, can expect to waltz to another 11-0 season. Not when two-time defending I-AA champ Georgia Southern is waiting in Statesboro for a November showdown.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

(6-5) In a small way Charlie Sadler was responsible for Northern Illinois' winning the NCAA rushing championship last year. This year Sadler will be fully responsible for everything the Huskies do. Two days after Christmas Sadler became Northern's coach when Jerry Pettibone left to coach at Oregon State. Before that Sadler had been defensive coordinator at Oklahoma. It was while directing the Sooners' defense last fall that Sadler indirectly helped the Huskies salvage something from a season that had gone sour. When Oklahoma held Nebraska to just 118 yards rushing in the Cornhuskers' final game, it catapulted NIU, with its 344.6 yards per game average, into first place in the NCAA stats. Oddly, that was not the high point of the season for a team that had been hoping to go bowling but ended up barely above .500. Because one of Northern's six victories was an extraordinary 73–18 pounding of a Fresno State team that went into the game unbeaten and nationally ranked.

Unfortunately for Sadler, the Huskies open the 1991 campaign at Fresno State. This time, Northern Illinois will not have quarterback Stacey Robinson, who ran for 308 yards and five

touchdowns that day. Robinson is one of 17 departed starters who have left the cupboard nearly bare for the new coach. But Sadler does not appear to be daunted. A long-time assistant coach, he felt he was ready to make the big step to a head job. "The knowledge that this program is on the move was important," he said.

To keep it on the move, Sadler has made changes. He's replaced Pettibone's wishbone offense with the multiple-I, which also features the running game. "We intend to throw the ball 20 times a game," he said. "It's not going to be Air Huskie or anything. We're going to run the football." There's little doubt who will do most of the running. One of only two returning starters on offense is fullback Adam Dach, who gained 966 yards last year and needs 1,155 to break Mark Kellar's school record (3,745). Replacing Robinson at quarterback will be either another Stacey, Stacey McKinney, a transfer from California's Taft college,

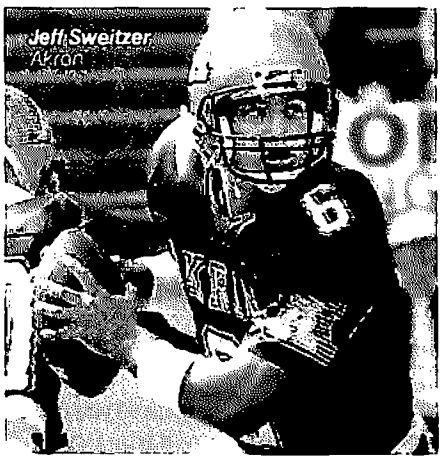
or Rob Rugai last year's backup. Rugai is a better thrower, McKinney a better runner.

Defensively, Sadler has gone from a 4-4 to a 5-2 alignment. Of the five returning starters, inside linebacker Steve Henriksen has the most impressive credentials. With 153 tackles last year, he is the fourth-leading returning tackler in the country.

One of Sadler's tougher tasks will be replacing kicker John Ivanic, the school's all-time leading scorer.

CINCINNATI

(1-10) The Bearcats should change their names to the Vagabonds. Once again Cincinnati will hit the road for six of its first seven games. So don't expect any dramatic improvement in the won-loss record. But there could be considerable improvement in the product that Tim Murphy puts on the field in his third season as coach. Murphy returns 10 starters on offense and eight on defense from a team that at times played respectably last year. Of course there were other times when the Bearcats were way beyond their depth.


Jeff Sweitzer
Akron

They were routed 63–10 at Iowa and 70–21 at Florida State. There are some big names on this year's schedule, too, beginning with the opener at Penn State.

Cincinnati is probably another year away from respectability, but if Bearcat fans have patience, they may yet be rewarded. Quarterback Paul Anderson and most of his top receivers were redshirt freshmen last year. Anderson threw for more than 200 yards three times and also is a good runner. He is backed up by another sophomore, Jeff Stofa, son of former NFL quarterback John Stofa. Jeff fell behind when he missed spring practice last year but started two games when Anderson was hurt. Tight end Joe Koynock was the leading target last year with 44 catches and 496 yards. He's back along with young wide receivers Marlon Pearce and Damon Bryant, who were second and third in receptions. The lone absentee on offense is tailback Terry Strong, who gained 803 yards and was the only Bearcat runner to gain more than 200. But Murphy is hoping that little (5-6) Joe Abrams has finally recovered from the 1989 injury that has hobbled him after a brilliant freshman start. For the second year in a row the offensive line returns intact, anchored by left guard John Arena (6-3, 280). This senior-dominated unit is the team's top asset.

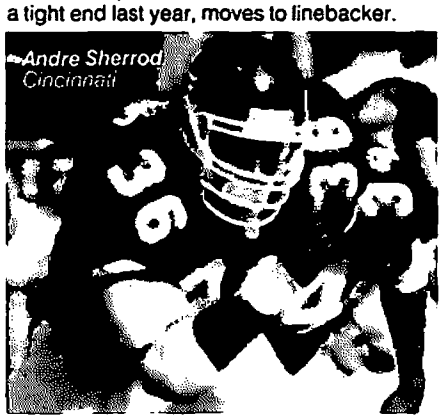
Another strength is the secondary, where cornerbacks Kelly Sims and Ronnie Shannon return for their fourth season as starters. Shannon, however, will switch to free safety, giving sophomore Jocelyn Borgella a chance to start at corner. Johnathan Cockrell returns at strong safety, backed up by sophomore Latish Kinsler, who started four games there when Cockrell was hurt. Both outside linebackers, Nate Dingle and Andre Sherrod, return but inside linebacker is wide-open. Noseguard Bob Duckens returns, as does tackle Ronnie Dixon, but the defense against the run (opponents romped for 3,160 yards) was hardly sterling last year.

AKRON

(3-7-1) The Zips lost their final seven games last year, but except for an expected 59–0 licking at Florida and a season-ending 36–15 loss at Louisiana Tech, Gerry Faust's team was in every game. Five defeats by five points or less separated Akron from a fine season.

But 1991 could be a trying season for the Zips, who lost most of their defense, including linebackers Brian Hilk and John Clark, who totaled 328 tackles, and the entire secondary, which intercepted 16 passes. Defensive coordinator Bob Junko will begin the rebuilding process around nose guard Wayne Anderson, who started as a freshman last year. The only other returning starters are end Eric Drakes and linebacker Bruce Keys. "The defense is definitely a concern when you lose the quality players that we had," said Faust, "but I think we have some terriffic kids just waiting to get their turn."

The defensive players with the most experience are linebacker Jerry Best, who started against Rutgers and had two sacks and three other tackles for loss during the season, and Doug Sumler, who had four starts at end and linebacker last year. Best is expected to start at outside linebacker, with Sumler playing an interior line position. Mike Orbovich, who was a tight end last year, moves to linebacker.


Andre Sherrod
Cincinnati

Offensively, Faust is hoping quarterback Jeff Sweitzer is in full health after he injured his shoulder in the Florida game. Sweitzer set a school record when he passed for 339 yards against Youngstown State. His completion percentage was not good (.468) and he threw 10 interceptions to only seven touchdowns, but he was the fourth-leading rusher on the team, with 322 yards. Top runner Marcus Reliford (177-684) left school after running afoul of the law, leaving Faust with no experienced tailbacks. Fullback Tyrone Nelson, who averaged five yards per carry, does return, however. The two top wide receivers, Bradford Jones (17-221) and Harold Robinson (16-359), return, but if the Orbovich experiment at linebacker sticks, Faust will need a new tight end. Orbovich tied Jones for the team lead with his 17 catches. One big plus for the Zips is the offensive line, which returns four starters, including junior tackle Chris Sutyak, who is big (6-7, 290), quick, and a potential star. Brett Jackson has started 33 games in a row at guard and Mike O'Connor started all 11 games at center last year after being a starting left guard the two previous years

mid-american conference

WESTERN MICHIGAN

If only because of the law of averages, Western Michigan should improve on its 7-4 record. The Broncos lost two league games by a touchdown or less and the prior season dropped four games by one point.

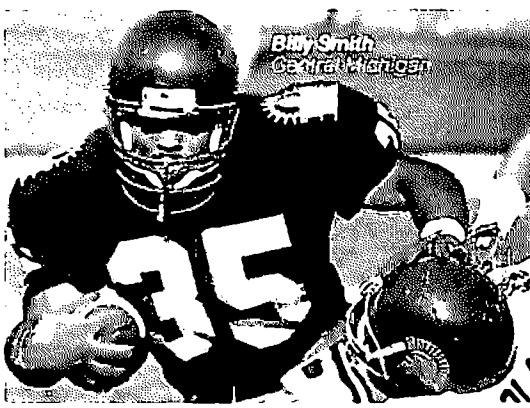
Fifth-year coach Al Molde will build around all-MAC running back Corey Sylve, who averaged 5.7 yards a carry en route to an 840-yard season. Quarterback Brad Tayles led the conference in total offense while completing 171 of 345 passes for 2,397 yards and 16 touchdowns. He has an abundance of receivers, led by Ulric King, Lavelle VanHorn, and Robert Walker. Molde says 6-6, 330-pound junior Paul Hutchins is "the best offensive line prospect I've had." Hutchins helped Western Michigan average 400 yards per game, best in the MAC. Center Jon Manier was held out of spring drills with a back injury that could end his career, but the line could include a pair of 280-pounders, Bob Wolf and Dan Shannon Dave VanDale, who missed five games with an injury, should start at guard or center.

The defensive line is solid with Mark Nabozny and Paul Johnson as third-year starters and Dave Cutlip as another incumbent. The linebacking corps features Jeff Allor, Greg Kelley, and Darrius Griffith; Eric West and Jeff Reynolds return in the secondary. Former starter Paul Davis is back after missing the '90 season with a shoulder injury.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

The Chippewas must replace defensive tackle J.J. Wierenga, linebacker Rich Curtiss, and defensive backs Ken Strong and David Johnson, each an all-MAC selection. Fullback Joe Connolly, a second-team pick, also graduated. "Obviously, we have some question marks on the defensive side of the ball," coach Herb Deromedi admitted. "We have to rebuild the secondary entirely."

Only cornerback James Cooper remains in the defensive backfield but Central Michigan claims veterans Mike Nettie and Lamar Sally


Billy Smith
Central Michigan

in the line and has linebackers Clarence Rose and Kevin Rich as returning regulars. Jason Wilkie earned second-team all-MAC laurels at nose guard. The Chippewas led the nation in scoring defense (8.9 ppg) and topped the MAC in rushing defense (99.7 yards).

Quarterback Jeff Bender, the league's MVP, anchors a veteran offense that includes flanker Ken Ealy, who caught 44 passes for 916 yards and nine touchdowns, including three TD passes from Bender in the Raisin Bowl. Tailback Billy Smith ran for 1,047 yards and guard Paul Jacobson earned all-conference honors. Central Michigan set the standard for a balanced offense, gaining 2,113 yards via the ground and 2,112 through the air. The line also includes veterans Art Droski, Tony Vais, James Wyatt, and Greg Sherwin.

TOLEDO

The Rockets became a hot item in Toledo by drawing an average of 22,821 fans per game, which was second-best in MAC history. A 9-2 season came within seven points of being a perfect one as Navy beat Toledo by four and Central Michigan won by a point.

New coach Gary Pinkel has a strong offense built around quarterback Keven Meger and tailback Troy Parker, the MAC Freshman of the Year. The line features Joe DiLauro, Andy McCollum, and Albert Thigpen. David Andrews and Ben Tombaugh give Toledo punch at fullback and Marcus Goodwin is the most experienced receiver. Pinkel must replace three linemen and two receivers.

The defense keeps five starters: linebacker Matt Eberflus, who had 89 tackles; end Dan Williams, who had 17 tackles for losses; cornerbacks Jason Kelley and Darren Anderson, and end Mark Rhea.

Punter Brian Borders (40.8-yard average) and Rusty Hanna (18 field goals) assure the Rockets of a strong kicking game.

MIAMI

The Redskins seek to improve on their 5-5-1 record by building around a defense with nine returning starters. Miami led the league in pass defense and was third in total defense. After a winless season in 1988, Miami began to rebuild under first-year coach Randy Walker, who guided the team to a 4-3-1 mark in the MAC. He is blessed with an All-America candidate, defensive end Jon Wauford, who had 22 tackles for losses. The return of tackles Scott Frazier, who also made 22 tackles for losses, and Mark Staten and end Andy Howard convinces Walker his defense will be even better. Linebackers Curt McMillen and Barry Renfro were among league leaders in tackles and free safety Ron Carpenter led the league with seven interceptions. Shean Williams and Cajardo Lindsey also return to the secondary.

Multi-purpose receiver Milt Stegall leads an offense that includes tailback Terry Carter and quarterback Jim Clement. Carter ran for 250 yards against Ohio and Stegall returned a kickoff 92 yards for a TD vs.Toledo.

BALL STATE

The loss of Bernie Parmalee, who had a team-leading 30 receptions and 1,010 yards rushing, will be felt heavily by the Cardinals. Corey Croom, Ball State's second-leading rusher (398 yards), is still around and Mike LeSure and Travis Moore give the Cards some deep receiving threats. Quarterback Mike Neu completed 91 of 180 passes for 1,004 yards, yet Ball State finished next to last in total offense and passing offense.

But the Cardinals were second nationally in total defense and No. 2 in the MAC both in rushing and passing defense. Opponents averaged only 3.5 yards per play. Keith Hackett and Leo Porter return for their fourth seasons in the Cardinals' secondary and Robert Glover is back after making five interceptions in '90. Don Stonefield's 123 tackles ranked fourth in the league.

Ball State won four straight and five of its last six in '90 for a 7-4 record.

BOWLING GREEN

Former Ohio State assistant Gary Blackney takes over the Falcons, who went 3-5-2 under Moe Ankney last season. Blackney will build around a defense that keeps eight starters and 18 lettermen. Gone are linebackers Keith Pace and Duane Crenshaw, but lineman Steve Ross is the only other loss from a unit that was 15th nationally in scoring defense. Standouts include strong safety Terry Wilson, who was second on the team with 104 tackles and had four interceptions. He is paired with Dave Bielinski, who had nine of the team's 17 interceptions. The defensive line features all-MAC nose guard Mark Ross, and a deep contingent at tackle is led by Steve Wilbourne and Paul Harris. "We hope the defense will be able to buy some time for the offense to come around," Blackney said.

After several productive seasons, Bowling Green averaged only 13 points a game. The offense retains quarterback Erik White and receiver Mark Szlachcic, who had 46 catches. George Johnson, LeRoy Smith, and Zeb Jackson provide depth at tailback but fullback is open. Tackle Nick Sims will move from center to tackle and Matt Kregel is returning from a knee injury that forced him to miss last season. Brian Laird, Pete Kowalski and Pat Dutson will also be in the line

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Jim Harkema's successful rebuilding program suffered a 2-9 setback after posing the MAC's best record over the previous three seasons. The Hurons will try to bounce back against a tougher schedule that includes games against Big Ten schools Purdue and Wisconsin. Eastern Michigan won its first two games in '90 and then skidded into an eighth-place finish. "It was a real disappointment to us because we felt going into the year that we had a chance to challenge for the title," Harkema said.

The Hurons lost an outstanding safety, Bob Navarro, and three starting defensive linemen in Mike Bass, Craig Petersmark, and Donshell English. Returning starters are outside linebackers Fred McClendon and Derrick Buford, inside linebacker Mike Danley, and defensive backs Werner Blakely and Kevin Tooson.

Quarterback Shane Jackson must cut back on his 14 interceptions. The departure of center Gordie Johnston and tackle Steve Brockelbank will be felt but Ken Moss, a 340-pound tackle, and Bobby Pandelidis, a 284-pound guard, remain. Tailback Cameron Moss and split end Rodney Screen return.

KENT STATE

New coach Pete Cordelli won't face an empty cupboard because the Golden Flashes keep 10 starters on offense and nine on defense from a 2-9 squad. And his first game as a college head coach will be on his birthday, September 14, against his alma mater, North Carolina State.

Kent State returns five of its top six tacklers. Brian Allen, Vance Benton, and Paul Haynes (133 stops), started in the secondary. Linebackers include Sean Patterson, Brady Renners, and Maurice Sumpter; the line is built around Andy Krupa and Dave Tkatch.

Doug Agnew made a successful switch from defense to the offensive line last season and North Carolina trahsfer David Boon had a good season at guard. Split end Patrick Young was Kent State's only loss on offense, where Tony Gucciardo had 29 catches and Shawn Barnes 28. Quarterback Joe Dalpra threw for 1,533 yards and 10 touchdowns and ran for 403 yards and five more scores. The Golden Flashes averaged 10 more points per game than they did in 1989.

OHIO

Second-year coach Tom Lichtenberg says his team will be bigger, faster, and stronger. But after going 1-7-1, the real question is whether the Bobcats will be better.

Ohio will be especially green on defense, where eight regulars departed. Linebacker Scott Zele anchors that unit and Randy Rawlins and Marcus Gamblin strengthen the secondary. John Browne and Tony Greene head a youthful line that could include 250-pound Greg Cox, a former quarterback.

The current quarterback is Tom Dubs, a sophomore who has thrown but 21 collegiate passes. He replaces Anthony Thornton, the school's second-leading career passer. Rickey Howell, Aubrey Bell, and Tim Curtis all have experience at running back, combining to rush for nearly 1,200 yards in '90. Courtney Burton had 20 receptions, but the Bobcats lost four of their receivers. Dal Leisenheimer should be a standout at center and the guard tandem of Darren Reese and Scott Tate is intact. Chris Park, Andy Canter, and Keith Shepherd will see the time at tackle.

ohio valley conference

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Tailback Tim Lester ran for 1,047 yards and 12 touchdowns after coming back from a knee injury that sidelined him most of the 1989 season. Veteran coach Roy Kidd also has 245-pound fullback Rick Burkhead and tailbacks Markus Thomas and Leon Brown, who combined to rush for more than 1,500 yards. Quarterback Joey Crenshaw started the last four games and completed 49 of 86 passes. He will throw to wide receivers Vincent Ware and Kenny McCollum and tight end Dwayne Woods. Carl Satterly and Tim Wimbley are the only returning regulars in the line, although Mike Roth started several games.

The defense claims eight starters, including All-America nose guard Ernest Thompson. Other all-OVC players on defense are end David Wilkins, tackle Greg McKee, and safety Craig Brooks. Linebacker Bundy McGinnis and backs Tim Peyton, Chris McNamee, and Glen Williams also return.

The Colonels, two-time national champions, won their first 10 games a year ago and held the No. 1 ranking much of that time. But after

an injury to quarterback Lorenzo Fields, they lost their season finale to Morehead State and dropped their playoff opener.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Coach Boots Donnelly, who can warble the blues with the best of them, is bemoaning the departure of 16 starters from a club ranked No. 1 in the final regular-season poll. The Blue Raiders lost a quarterfinal game to Boise State in the I-AA playoffs.

Injuries to two quarterbacks slowed Middle Tennessee State in '90 and the situation remains unresolved. Phil Ironside, an all-OVC selection, has graduated and backup O.J. Smith missed spring drills with a knee injury. Another backup, Dino Stafford, missed contact drills while recovering from eye surgery. Middle Tennessee needs a quarterback to take pressure off tailback Joe Campbell, a 1,327-yard rusher. The loss of stellar fullback Wade Johnson also hurts. But the line still has 285-pound tackle Steve McAdoo, centers Mike Gibson and Tracy Majors, guard Chris Smith, and tight end Steve Dark.

Losses on defense include linebacker Anthony Coleman, the OVC Defensive Player of the Year in '89; Richard Kinley, Kelvin Robinson, Mike Fairbanks, Greg Pollard, and Jimmy McCarney, the '90 OVC Defensive Player of the Year. Linebacker Scott Boykin and back Jamie Redmond are veteran returnees.

TENNESSEE STATE

Joe Gilliam's second year as the Tigers' head coach produced a 7-4 record and a 4-2 mark in the league. Gilliam keeps 14 starters, including premier wide receivers Marcus Dowdell and Patrick Robinson. Dowdell had 28 receptions for 672 yards; his 24-yard-per-catch average led Division I-AA. Robinson, a starting point guard for Tennessee State's basketball team, had 39 catches for 714 yards and gained 18.3 per catch. The Tigers' passing was done by James Wade, who completed 51 percent of 247 attempts for 2,052 yards and 16 touchdowns. Tennessee State lost two good runners in Tim Cross and James Reese, the latter opting not to return for his final season of eligibility. The offensive line is led by Larry Tharpe, a 265-pound tackle, and 255-pound center John Macon.

Colin Godfrey had the second-best punting average in I-AA history, 45.9, but the loss of place-kicker J.J. Flournoy will be noticed. He converted 47 of 49 extra points and 15 of 17 field goals over two seasons. Bernard Wilson, Elliott Pilton, and Darrell Brooks are experienced linemen. Linebackers include Aaron Luckey, Simon Shanks, and Darrell Miller; Randy Fuller anchors the secondary.

MOREHEAD STATE

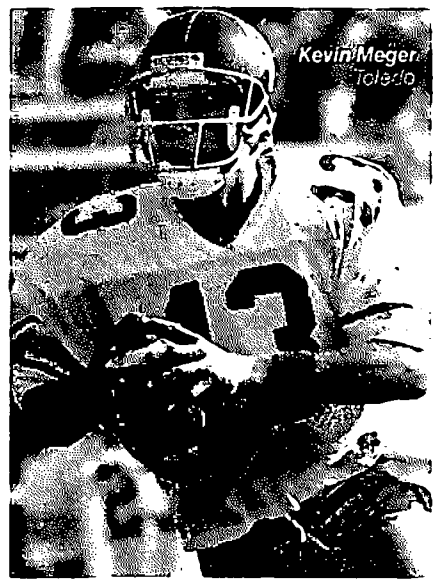
The Eagles' losses include only three starters on defense and four on offense, but the departure of quarterback Chris Swartz provides a stiff challenge for second-year coach Cole Proctor. Swartz left Morehead State wth 16 school (this is Phil Simms's alma mater, remember), 10 conference, and two national records. He threw for 9,028 yards and 55 touchdowns. Proctor also lost tailback Jerome Williams and wide receiver Dave Pingue.

While their record was only 5-6, the Eagles ended their season with victories over Murray State and Eastern Kentucky, the latter an archrival that was ranked No. 1 at the time. Morehead State's strength is defense, where tackle Richard Shadwick, outside linebacker Fred Johnson, and cornerbacks Tyron Fisher and Carlos Tuck reign. The offense is led by tackle James Appel, tight end Brandon Ford, and wide receiver Anthony White, who also returns kicks. Spring practice failed to provide a cut-and-dried successor for Swartz. Jeremy Holbrook played some as a true freshman and may have a slight edge on Steve Donato. Jeff King and Yusif Gray will be considered. The running backs are Anthony Jerdine and Darrin Harris, backups in 1990, and Roscoe Graves and Frank Diaz, who didn't play last season.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

The Indians' only game against an OVC school last season was a 45–0 defeat by Eastern Kentucky. But Southeast Missouri claims eight returning starters on defense and seven on offense from a 7-3 team.

Jason Liley completed 61 percent of his passes for 2,580 yards as a sophomore but he threw 19 interceptions. Ches Salyer had 58



catches for 817 yards and Darrell Philon had 51 for 717. Perry Johnson is established at running back and Bryan Davis at fullback. The offensive line keeps only tackles Mike Hodge and Shawn Corbett.

Coach John Mumford has a veteran secondary boasting James Chinn, Francis Ward, Ramon McClenney, and Toney Anderson. Inside linebackers Sean Steinmann and Nate Questelle were starters, but there are openings at outside linebacker.

"We have the skilled athletes to be competitive at the I-AA level, but I'm concerned with our size and depth up front," said Mumford, whose club moves up from Division II. "We must learn to play at the I-AA level and to play tougher both mentally and physically."

MURRAY STATE

Murray State's 2-9 record was uncharacteristic of the Racers, who lost seven straight before closing with a victory over Austin Peay. Murray retains six starters on offense and defense but fifth-year coach Mike Mahoney is looking for help from new players. "Every junior-college kid we've recruited we expect to come in and either start or see quite a bit of playing time," he said.

Mahoney must settle on either Kevin Proctor, a five-game starter, or junior-college transfer Tremaine Lewis as quarterback. Tailback will be contested between Chris Sypho and Tim Bland and David Cox has the edge at fullback. Rick Miller is the Racers' best wide receiver and Matt Havill and Kris Minnich look strong at tight end. Veterans in the offensive line are Greg Armstrong, Steve Broughton, Marcus Perry, and Norman Mims.

The defensive line is deep with Craig Hobson, Scott Cannon, and Kevin Gibbs returning, but Jimmy Stratton is the only linebacker who lettered. Experience in the secondary comes from William Houston, Beau Brown, Mike Ramos, and Tyrone Young.

TENNESSEE TECH

Jim Ragland continued his tedious rebuilding program. His inaugural team went 0-10 in 1986 and improved to 5-6 before injuries brought on a 1-10 slate in '88. But Tennessee Tech followed with 5-5 in '89 and 6-5 a year ago, its first winning record since 1981. There are 15 returning starters.

The Golden Eagles' biggest problem will be replacing quarterback Bert Browne, who completed 52 percent of his passes for 2,050 yards and 14 touchdowns. His understudy, Damyen Taylor, got into seven games and completed 24 of 39 attempts and is a much better runner than Browne. Redshirt freshman Randy Beaman also looked good in spring practice. Fred Lowery and Alonzo Hamilton shared time at tailback and combined to rush for 790 yards. Tech lost fullback John Webb but keeps Bill Shackelford, a 339-yard producer. Marshall Hale looms as one of the OVC's best receivers after having 690 yards in receptions. Carlos James will anchor the offensive line.

Ragland keeps nine defensive starters, led by rover Felix Parham. Linebacker Tim Ford topped the Golden Eagles in tackles. Norman Drake and Shane Queen lend experience at end and Mike Stewart and George Thompson return in the secondary.

AUSTIN PEAY

Roy Gregory will be the Governors' third coach in three years and faces the formidable task of rebuilding a team that went 0-11 each of the past two seasons. "What happened last year was last year," said Gregory, who has 16 returning starters. Gregory believes he built some confidence during spring practices. "The players are starting to believe in themselves and each other," he said, stealing a line from the movie *Hoosiers*.

Incumbent quarterback Reggie Williams is being challenged by sophomore Kailik Hunter, and they could benefit from the switch of free safety Eric Wells to wide receiver. Running back Eric Dance led the Governors in rushing despite several injuries and will be backed up by Jamie Spicer. Former defensive linemen Eric Cross and Tyler Ray also have been moved to offense and Gregory likes the look of former tight end Richard Darden at defensive end. "We have to get our best athletes on the field in positions where they can best help the football team," Gregory said.

Austin Peay will lack depth but should be solid at linebacker with Bobby Boddie and Randy Murphree. Jeff Crutchfield heads the defensive line and James Mesidor and Darius Willis anchor the secondary. □

west

by DWIGHT CHAPIN
SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

Russell White, California

predictions

pacific-10 conference
1. Washington, 2. Southern California, 3. UCLA, 4. California, 5. Oregon, 6. Stanford, 7. Arizona, 8. Arizona State, 9. Washington State, 10. Oregon State

big west conference
1. Fresno State, 2. Utah State, 3. San Jose State, 4. Long Beach State, 5. Pacific, 6. Nevada Las Vegas, 7. New Mexico State, 8. Cal State Fullerton

Chico Fraley

Steve Emtman, Washington

It happens once every two or three decades. In the late 1960s, the Los Angeles area had a pair of Heisman Trophy candidates in quarterback Gary Beban of UCLA and tailback O.J. Simpson of USC (both went on to win the award). Now it's the San Francisco Bay Area's turn.

Junior running backs Glyn Milburn of Stanford and Russell White of California haven't had the national attention that surrounded Beban and Simpson, but it's coming. No doubt about that. Not after a special 1990 season for both that culminated in a remarkable show in the season finale, the Cal-Stanford Big Game. Milburn and White ran. They caught passes. They returned kickoffs. Milburn returned a punt. When it was over, when Stanford had somehow scrambled to a 27–25 victory, Milburn had rushed for 196 yards and a touchdown, White for 177 yards and two TDs. Milburn had 379 all-purpose yards, White 268.

It was nothing new. For the season, tailback White gained an even 1,000 yards, averaging 5.6 a carry, even though he shared time with Anthony Wallace. He became the only player in Pac-10 history ever to earn all-conference first-team honors despite not being a starter. He was also No.7 in NCAA all-purpose running with 159.6 yards per game.

Halfback Milburn led the nation in all-purpose yards, with 2,222, an average of 202 a game and the second-highest total in Pac-10 history. He rushed for 729 yards, caught a league-best 64 passes for 632 yards, returned 24 punts for 267 yards, and had 594 yards in kickoff returns.

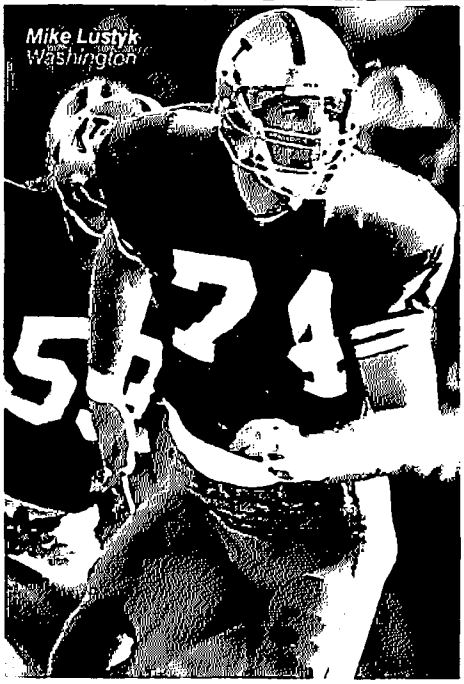
"In one season," said Stanford coach Dennis Green, "Glyn has established himself as the finest all-around threat in college football. He is a jack-of-all-trades and has the characteristics to master them all."

Milburn is a little guy, just 5-foot-9 and 175 pounds, while White is 6-0 and a relatively hefty 200 pounds. But both have speed and shiftiness to burn. Despite his size, White runs a 4.4 40, so he can pretty much choose whether he wants to go around defenders or through them. Coach Bruce Snyder thinks his best run last season was a one-yarder against USC. "It was fourth and one," Snyder said. "Russell hit the hole and there was nothing there. He bounced off, broke a tackle, pushed through and just made it. It was a great run."

Milburn also can be a tough and willing inside runner. "I've always been the smallest guy on every team I've been on," he says, "but I've always been the fastest guy, too."

Milburn and White were both California high school stars. His senior season at Santa Monica High, Milburn ran for an incredible 2,718 yards, a state single-season record. And at Crespi High School in Van Nuys, White rushed for 5,998 career yards and scored 94 touchdowns, both California prep records. But neither man followed a direct route to college football fame.

Glyn Milburn
Stanford


Mike Lustyk
Washington

White, nephew of Heisman Trophy winner Charles White, has dyslexia, a learning disorder, and had to sit out his freshman year at Cal to get his grades in shape. Milburn, cousin of Rod Milburn, the 1972 Olympic gold medalist in the 110-meter high hurdles, began his college career at Oklahoma, and had to sit out a season after transferring. "I wanted to make Oklahoma a positive experience, but I felt I made a mistake going there," he said. "I kept thinking of ways to get to Stanford." The college football world seems to await both young runners, who will duel for local, regional, and national attention.

Both, it would seem, have plenty of room to improve, but White is a shade less well-developed, because the Cal coaches decided to have him split time last season. Now, Bears' offensive coordinator Steve Mariucci says, "Russell has a chance to be the best back in college football. We just have to get him the football." That will suit White just fine. He says his best runs are still to come. "I still don't think I've hit the peak I had in high school," he says, "and I felt so confident that I could do anything. But that confidence is coming back. I'm getting used to it."

Despite their brilliance, it's doubtful that either Milburn or White can lead his team to a Pac-10 title. Washington looks too good, although its prospects dimmed a little on both a conference and a national level when quarterback Mark Brunell hurt a knee in the spring. But Don James's squad absolutely hammered every conference opponent except UCLA last season, and still has plenty of weapons. Larry Smith should have another good—if young—team at USC, while now-and-future quarterback star Tommy Maddox was not only good enough to upset Washington last season, but appears good enough to lead a renaissance at once-beleaguered UCLA. Cal has a lot of offense but needs more defense. Stanford again looks to have too many pitfalls in its schedule, which includes Washington, Colorado, and Notre Dame early. Proven coaches Rich Brooks of Oregon and Dick Tomey of Arizona both have questions to answer. Any improvement at all may be cause for celebration at Oregon State, where Jerry Pettibone becomes the latest coach to try to find some rare good fortune.

The Big West race is a muddle. The guess is that once-mighty Fresno State will rebound after hitting a couple of huge holes last season, and display enough depth to hold off Utah State, which should have one of its best teams ever, and San Jose State, which got a terrific coaching job from Terry Shea.

1991 all-west team

offense

Quarterback..Tommy Maddox..SO..UCLA
Running back..Glyn Milburn..JR..Stanford
Running back..Russell White..JR..California
Running back..Mazio Royster..JR..Southern Cal
Wide receiver..Brian Treggs..SR..California
Wide receiver..Terry Vaughn..SO..Arizona
Tight end..Clarence Williams..JR..Washington State
Tackle..Bob Whitfield..JR..Stanford
Tackle..Lincoln Kennedy..JR..Washington
Guard..Derrick Deese..SR..Southern Cal
Guard..Scott Spalding..SR..UCLA
Center..Steve Gordon..SR..California
Place-kicker..Jason Hanson..SR..Washington State

defense

Line..Steve Emtman..JR..Washington
Line..Matt LeBounty..SR..Oregon
Line..Marcus Woods..SR..Oregon
Linebacker..Kurt Barber..SR..Southern Cal
Linebacker..Ron George..JR..Stanford
Linebacker..Donald Jones..SR..Washington
Linebacker..Arnold Ale..JR..UCLA
Back..Keshimu Colar..SR..San Jose State
Back..Phillipl Sparks..SR..Arizona State
Back..Matt Darby..SR..UCLA
Back..Marquez Pope..SR..Fresno State
Punter..Rusty Carlsen..SR..Utah State

Brett Collins
Washington

pac-10 conference

WASHINGTON

Don James got the message a few seasons ago. He needed more team speed. The rest of the nation got the message last season. He found that speed, and nearly parlayed it into the No. 1 ranking in the country. As it was, the Huskies were 10-2 overall, 7-1 in the Pac-10 (where they outscored the rest of the league, 340–95), won the Rose Bowl, and finished fifth in the final wire-service polls. Some thought they were the best in the nation at the end of the season. Others compared them with the great Southern Cal teams of John McKay in the 1960s and '70s.

There are some important ingredients missing from the 1990 James Gang, notably premier running back Greg Lewis, defensive lineman Travis Richardson, and cornerback Charles Mincy. Junior quarterback Mark Brunell, who passed for 1,732 yards and ran for 444, second-best on the club, underwent knee surgery after a spring-practice injury and may be out for the season.

Brunell's loss elevated sophomore Billy Joe Hobert, who is big (6-3, 225) and strong but has played only briefly, into the key offensive role. He has a talented supporting cast, beginning with a pair of senior receivers, Mario Bailey (40 catches for 667 yards) and Orlando McKay, and a fleet of running backs. Speedy Beno Bryant, who was second in the nation in punt returns, is likely to replace Lewis, who rushed for 1,279 yards, but Jay Barry and Eugene Harris will contest him. Darius Turner and Matt Jones are quality fullbacks.

The line loses two NFL-caliber players in guard Dean Kirkland and tackle Jeff Pahukoa, but has a pair of gifted and massive tackles back in Siupeli Malamala (6-6, 300) and Lincoln Kennedy (6-7, 315) and a returning starter at center in Ed Cunningham. The probable starting guards are sophomore Pete Kaligis, who has been hampered by a knee injury, and Kris Rongen, with Aaron Pierce, who was suspended by the Husky coaching staff in the spring, likely at tight end.

An almost immovable object, second-team All-America Steve Emtman, anchors the defensive line. The 6-4, 285-pound junior had 55 tackles, including 16 for losses, and was named Pac-10 co-Defensive Player of the Year. Former Oklahoma Sooner Tyrone Rodgers should be at middle guard, with super-quick Andy Mason taking Richardson's place at end. The linebacking corps looks sensational. All-Pac-10 senior Donald Jones is back at one outside spot, with Brett Collins and Jaime Fields sharing time opposite him. And inside linebacker is loaded, with James Clif-

ford, the league's leading tackler in 1989, coming back after an injury to join the team's top two 1990 tacklers, Dave Hoffman and Chico Fraley, and promising sophomore Hillary Butler. The secondary, a Husky key last season, loses Eric Briscoe as well as Mincy, but returns Dana Hall, William Doctor, and Walter Bailey at cornerback, Shane Pahukoa and Tommie Smith at free safety, and Paxton Tailele at rover.

Either Mike Dodd or Travis Hanson, who shared the job, will be the place-kicker, with Hobert likely to take over for punter Channing Wyles, although Hanson could push him.

All in all, it's another potent mix, even minus Brunell, and James knows it. He also knows the pressure his team will face. "You use the positive part of that as motivation to try to move to another level," he said. "You are continually aware that you become a bigger target. We've been one for the last 10 or 12 years. But we're going to be an even bigger one this year."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Larry Smith doesn't mince words: "In some areas we're stronger than last year, and in others we won't be as strong. But we'll be a contender for the Pac-10 championship." He has some pretty compelling numbers to support his case. The Trojans fielded their least experienced team in 25 years last season (only seven returning starters) and played one of their toughest schedules (eight bowl-bound teams were on it). Yet they still finished 8-4-1 overall and 5-2-1 and in second place in the conference, and were ranked 20th by AP and 22nd by UPI.

In place of always-controversial Todd Marinovich, who took an early out to the pros, Smith may alternate sophomores Reggie Perry and Curtis Conway at quarterback. Perry has taken just three varsity snaps but seems to be in the Rodney Peete mold. Conway is an erstwhile flanker but was very impressive as a quarterback in the spring. They'll have plenty of help from tailback Mazio Royster, an All-America candidate who gained 1,168 yards as a sophomore, and underrated senior fullback Scott Lockwood (534 yards rushing). Also back is split end Johnnie Morton, with Travis Hannah or redshirt freshman John Herpin trying to replace Gary Wellman (1,015 yards receiving) at flanker.

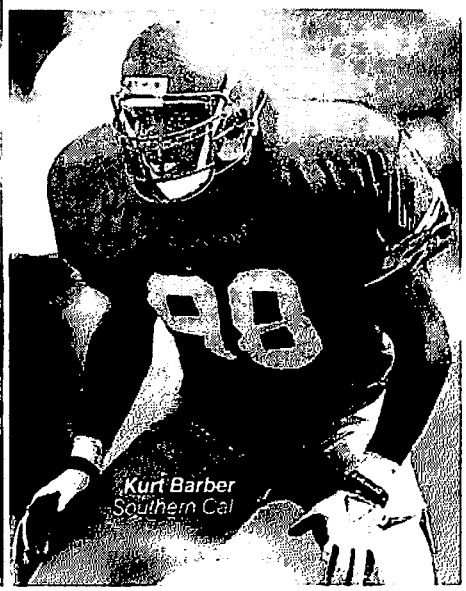
Mazio Royster
Southern Cal

The offensive line loses Pat Harlow and Mark Tucker but may have the best weakside blocking duo in the nation in senior tackle Michael Moody (6-7, 285) and senior guard Derrick Deese. Sophomore Craig Gibson, who started the last seven games at center, is back, too. There is youth at the other two interior spots. Among the candidates are sophomore David Apolskis and Titus Tuiasosopo, Kian Ramsay, and Michael Gaytan. Three players who have starting experience—Yonnie Jackson, Bradford Banta, and Bob Crane—are vying at tight end.

Five starters return from a defense that was No. 16 nationally against the run. Three of them—junior safety Stephon Pace, who had 76 tackles, a team-high 20 deflections and four interceptions, and cornerbacks Calvin Holmes and Jason Oliver—are in the secondary. The others are sophomore tackle Terry McDaniels and senior outside linebacker Kurt Barber, who had a team-high 84 tackles and was an all-Pac-10 second-teamer.

Matt Willig and sophomore Mike Hinz should move into the line spots vacated by Don Gibson and Gene Fruge. It may be tougher to replace inside linebackers Scott Ross, an All-America, and Brian Tuliau. The likely candidates are Matt Gee and sophomore Gidion "Batman" Murrell, both of whom have experience, with sophomore Willie McGinest or David Webb in place of Craig Hartsuyker outside. Either sophomore Mike Salmon, a big-play type, or Marvin Pollard should get the fourth spot in the secondary, occupied last season by Marcus Hopkins.

Punter Ron Dale (40.9-yard average on 59 kicks) is back, but Smith is looking for someone to take over for place-kicker Quinn Rodriguez, who rewrote the Trojan field-goal and PAT records. Incoming freshman Cole Ford will contest sophomore walk-on Andy Norell.


Kurt Barber
Southern Cal

Much of the Trojans' success this season will depend on the new quarterback, but however the playing time breaks down, Smith may be happier than he was with the position last season, because Marinovich—who had obvious talent—was far from a picture of stability. "Last year we played inconsistent football," Smith said. "We have a lot to make up for."

UCLA

And a kid quarterback shall lead them. Tall, poised Tommy Maddox earned All-America honorable mention in 1990, was a first-team freshman All-America, and one of 10 finalists for the Davey O'Brien national quarterback award after finishing second in the Pac-10 and 20th nationally in passing efficiency. Little wonder that the Bruins took a major step toward the country's elite and denied Washington a national championship with a 25–22 victory in Seattle. The overall record (5-6) wasn't so hot and neither was the 4-4 conference finish that left the Bruins tied for sixth with Stanford. But the Bruins lost three Pac-10 games in the final minutes. Now that the 6-4 Maddox has a season under his belt, they could well get luckier.

Maddox will be throwing to Sean LaChapelle (39 catches for 607 yards), along with sophomores Michael Moore and Bryan Adams, who will try to replace third-team All-America Scott Miller and Reggie Moore. Senior Kevin Smith (6-4, 256) figures to be one of the best fullbacks on the West Coast, but coach Terry Donahue still needs to get more out of the tailback position, where starter Brian Brown is gone. Prep All-America James Milliner might challenge returnees Shawn Wills, Kevin Williams, Ricky Davis, and redshirt freshman Daron Washington, who's the biggest of the group at 6-3 and 206.

Scott
Lockwood
Southern Cal

Rick Daly may step in at tight end for Randy Austin and Corwin Anthony, and the interior offensive line looks strong with sophomores Craig Novitsky and Vaughn Parker or junior Rick Fuller at tackle, Scott Spalding and Mike Linn at guard, and Aron Gideon at center. "I would expect we'll be improved in all areas of line play," Donahue said.

Senior Emmanuel Onwutuebe is back at nose guard, but the key to the defensive front may well be how Mike Chalenski has recovered from offseason shoulder surgery. The other line starter should be Brian Kelly. There's plenty of experience at inside linebacker, where honors candidate Arnold Ale is joined by Stacy Argo, James Malone, and Meech Shaw, all of whom started at least four games in 1990. But outside linebacking looks thin with the departure of Roman Phifer, Rocen Keeton, and Brian Lockwood. Randy Cole and sophomore Bradley Craig will get first look, but consensus prep All-America Jamir Miller could be a factor here as well.

There are no problems in the secondary, where three starters return to a unit that was second in the Pac-10 in efficiency last season. The leader is senior strong safety Matt Darby, who has elicited comparisons to former Bruin All-Americas Kenny Easley and Don Rogers.

Tommy Maddox
UCLA

He'll be joined by a pair of two-year starters at cornerback, Dion Lambert and Carlton Gray, who combined for 84 tackles and held opponents to just 6.7 yards per pass attempt, and Michael Williams in place of star free safety Eric Turner, the No. 2 pick in the NFL draft.

Courtney Keyler, a sophomore who averaged 40.1 yards on 51 punts, is back, but the place-kicking job is uncertain now that Brad Daluiso is gone. Dominic Sandifer, a letterman way back in 1988, is a possibility.

After a couple of stormy seasons, it looks as if stability has returned to Westwood. Donahue will have the same group of full-time assistants for the first time since 1986.

CALIFORNIA

It took more than a little while, but the Bears had their first upper-division conference finish since 1979 last season (4-3-1 and fourth in the Pac-10, 7-4-1 overall) and went on to beat Wyoming in the Copper Bowl. If coach Bruce Snyder can construct a defense to go along with an offense that averaged 396 yards and 28 points per game, even better things could be in store this fall.

Eight offensive starters return, along with tailback Russell White, who alternated with Anthony Wallace last year and still gained 1,000 yards. He'll team with quarterback Mike Pawlawski, who completed 59.9 percent of his pass attempts and came within just one TD pass of Troy Taylor's school record of 18, and unsung fullback Greg Zomalt, who may be the Pac-10's best blocker at his position. Brian Treggs, who needs just 15 catches to become Cal's all-time leading receiver, and Sean Dawkins are both big-play performers, and will be

Matt Darby
UCLA

Brian Treggs
California

joined in slotback formations by sophomore Mike Caldwell. Veteran Brent Woodall returns at tight end.

Three of the West's best are in the Bear offensive front. Four-year starter Troy Auzenne will be at one tackle, with sophomore Todd Steussie at the other and senior Steve Gordon, who Snyder says is the best college center he's coached in his 23 years in the profession, anchoring the middle. A pair of newcomers, Sam Sagapolu (6-0, 340) and Eric Mahlum, likely will open at guard. Snyder thinks he has no fewer than nine legitimate honors candidates on offense.

It's on defense where the Bears likely will make or break their season. Only four starters return from a unit that ranked ninth in the conference, giving up 428.5 yards per game, and had a distressing propensity for fading late in games. There will be unproven players nearly everywhere this season, but defensive coordinator Kent Baer said, "This is the fastest and quickest group we've ever had here."

Two players who fit that mold, Mack Travis and Chidi Ahanotu, should start up front, probably with senior Ryan Peery or one of two redshirt freshmen, Brad Monahan or Brad Bowers. California JC Defensive Player of the Year Stafford Evans may figure, too. Cornell Collier, who has shown flashes of potential, and Jason Wilborn are the likely outside linebackers, with sophomore Bill Ayer and newcomer Mick Barsala inside. The secondary looks well-manned, with three starters back. David Wilson (team-leading 72 tackles) and sophomore Eric Zomalt are the safeties, with Chris Cannon, who came on well late, at one cornerback. Sophomore Jody Graham may have an edge at the other cornerback spot, but Snyder will give transfer Wolf Barber a good look this fall.

There are questions in the kicking game with the departure of All-America Robbie Keen. Freshman Chad Kraemer, who hit six field goals of 46 yards or longer as a prep last season and averaged 43.8 yards per punt, certainly would appear to have the leg to wrest the jobs from squadmen Doug O'Brien and Chris Noonan.

"A logical progression for our team would be a January 1 bowl game," Snyder said. "We've established ourselves as a good program, but we have to re-earn that respect."

OREGON

Believe it or not, the Ducks finally will be starting a season without Bill Musgrave at quarterback, and it's possible that could spell more trouble than anything has in a very long time in Eugene. Seldom has a quarterback been more of the heart and soul of a team than Musgrave was of this one. During his four seasons, the Ducks were 25-10 in games he started and finished, and won just three times when he didn't start. In 1990, the team finished 8-4 for the second straight year, went 4-3 and tied for third in the Pac-10, and went to the Freedom Bowl. So what happens now? "We're going to have to prove once and for all

Mike Pawlawski
California

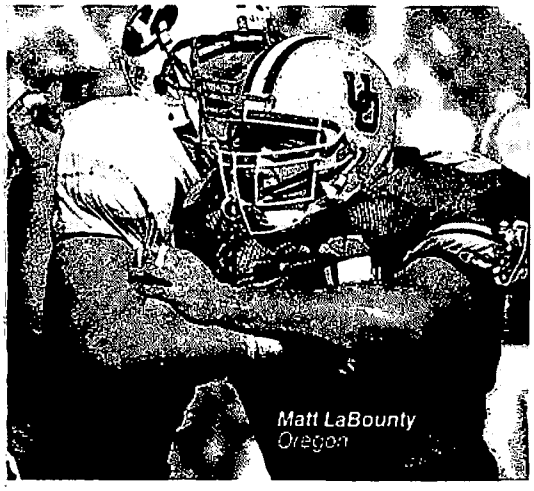
we can win without Bill Musgrave at quarterback," coach Rich Brooks said.

The Ducks, who have built one of the conference's best defenses over the last four seasons, probably will have to win with defense this time, since eight starters return, compared with just four on offense. The eight include the all-senior front line of ends Matt LaBounty and Jeff Cummins, who combined for 24 of a school-record 41 quarterback sacks in 1990, and nose tackle Marcus Woods; linebackers Andy Conner, James Bautista, and Joe Farwell; cornerback Daryle Smith, and free safety Eric Castle. The other likely starters: Doug Douglass in place of all-conference Peter Brantley at outside linebacker; top backup Devon Hosey at cornerback, and sophomore Paul Rodriguez or junior redshirt Kenny Phillips at strong safety.

The kicking game should be first-rate with junior Gregg McCallum, who may hold all the school place-kicking records by the end of his career, and sophomore punter Tommy Thompson (40.6-yard average).

Which brings us to the big question mark: the Duck offense. The only starters returning are tackle David Collingsworth, guard Bud Bowie, tight end Jeff Thomason, and sophomore star-in-the-making tailback Sean Burwell, who was the league's No. 4 rusher, with 969 yards, averaged 27.6 yards on 11 kickoff returns, and was his team's No. 3 receiver.

In addition to the loss of Musgrave, the receiving corps was decimated. The new signal caller may be national JC quarterback of the year Brett Salisbury, a 6-3, 200-pounder from Palomar (CA) College. The new receivers may



Matt LaBounty
Oregon

be Ronnie Harris and Brian Brown. Injury-plagued fullbacks Brandon Jumper and Juan Shedrick figure to team with Burwell.

Joining Thomason, a second-team, all-conference choice, Collingsworth, and Bowie in the offensive line should be Todd Gydesen, Steve Hardin, or Matt Martin at tackle; Jon Tattersall at guard, and Greg Phillips at center, although Brooks says this unit may still be far from set. "There isn't any question that our redshirt freshman class in the offensive line will have an impact, and a couple could start."

Brooks knows the defense may have to carry a bigger part of the load than the offense, at least early in the season, but he seems to think that despite the player losses, the Ducks can stay in the upper echelon of the Pac-10. "We've got our work cut out for us to prove that we're going to be the type of team we have been," said Brooks, who has now coached the Ducks in three decades, "but we feel all the ingredients are there to have another successful year."

STANFORD

The Cardinal will celebrate 100 years of football this fall, but whether it really celebrates may depend on whether it can successfully negotiate a schedule that includes eight opponents who played in bowl games, two that were No. 1-ranked during 1990, and five that were in the nation's top 10. That's enough to temper the smile on the face of coach Dennis Green over the nine offensive and eight defensive starters he has returning from a team that was 5-6 overall, 4-4 and tied for sixth in the Pac-10, beat Notre Dame, could have topped Colorado, and closed with three straight victories.

Offensively, the only losses are All-America wide receiver Ed McCaffrey and guard Chuck Gillingham. Heisman Trophy candidate Glyn Milburn will be joined in the backfield by quarterback Jason Palumbis and fullback Tommy Vardell, both honorable mention all-Pac-10. Jon Pinckey (29 receptions) is back at flanker, with Chris Walsh likely to replace McCaffrey, and either Paul Nickel or Turner Baur, back after major knee surgery, at tight end.

Trojan fans -- at last, your own publication!

USC REPORT

(Fully sanctioned by the Southern California Athletic Department)

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

- 8 National Championships
- 4 Heisman Trophy winners
- In-depth grid coverage weekly during season
- Statistics, rosters
- Opponent previews
- Up-to-the-minute recruiting news
- Player and coach comments
- All other sports coverage

18 issues -- only $39.95!
(Includes first class postage)

USC REPORT, P.O. Box 4533, Huntington Beach, CA 92605-4533

☐ Please send me a one-year subscription to USC REPORT.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ My check or money order for $39.95, payable to Pacific Rim Publishing Co. is enclosed.

Charge to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard
Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____
Signature _____

(Credit card charges will appear as Pacific Rim Publishing Co.)

For faster service on credit card orders, call

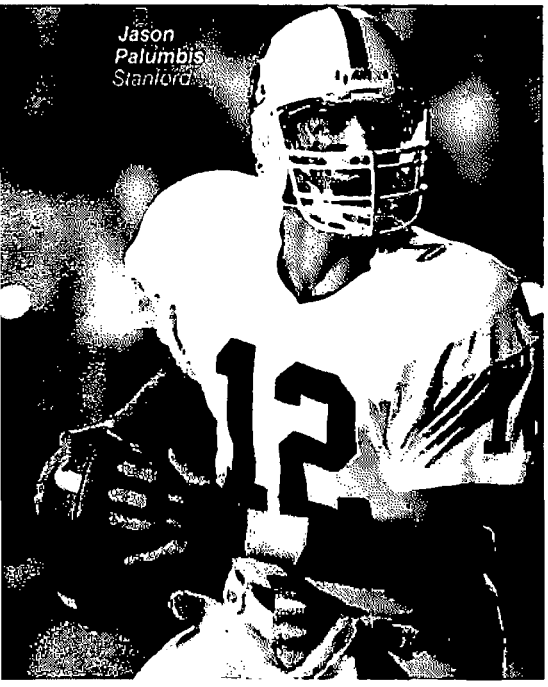
1-800-526-9307

From 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (PDT), Monday through Friday
(Please have your card ready.)

Junior Bob Whitfield, a finalist for the 1990 Outland Trophy, and Steve Hoyem will work at tackle, with Brian Cassidy and Glen Cavanaugh at guard and Chris Dalman at center. It's a unit that averages 294 pounds and figures to be among the best in the conference.

Paul Stonehouse (38.8) returns for his third season as the Cardinal punter, while the place-kicking duties vacated by John Hopkins likely will go to sophomore Aaron Mills.

The defense is less sure than the offense, except at outside linebacker, where juniors Dave Garnett and Ron George are gems. George was No. 1 in the Pac-10 with 18 tackles for loss and No. 2 in quarterback sacks,


Jason Palumbis Stanford

with 10. Four-year starter Jono Tunney is gone inside, leaving Green with a huge hole to fill there. Sophomore Hartwell Brown will battle Dan Byers, Tom Williams, and Kevin Puk for playing time.

There's plenty of competition in the defensive line, too, where tackle Estevan Avila and nose guard Aaron Rembisz return. Tyler Batson may join them, but sophomore Mike Jerich could well give him an argument. Three starters—Seyon Albert, Darrien Gordon, and Albert Richardson—are back in the secondary. Seyon Albert was second on the team with 79 tackles from free safety. But the Cardinal will miss all-Pac-10 cornerback Kevin Scott and strong safety Jimmy Klein, who suffered a serious knee injury while playing for the school's volleyball team and is questionable. Josh Wright is slated as the starter at the other corner, but he'll be pushed by fellow soph Vaughn Bryant.

With the maturation of players like Milburn and Whitfield, this almost certainly will be a better team. But it may not show in the won-loss record because of a schedule that again has Notre Dame and Colorado on it, along with all the Pac-10 biggies. The one seeming break: Cornell at home on October 12.

Green is talking optimistically. "I expect the momentum from our final three games last season to be a catalyst," he said. "I think our entire program benefited form the caliber of opponents we played last season."

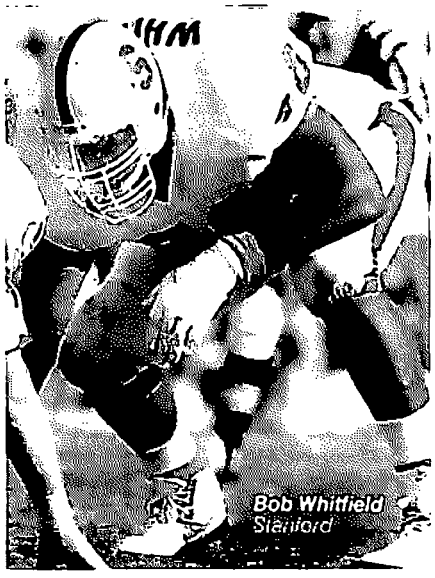
ARIZONA

Without making a lot of noise, Dick Tomey's Wildcats have compiled the third-best record in the Pac-10 over the last three seasons, and the second-most victories in conference play. Coming off a 7-5 overall mark that included a 5-4 record and a fifth-place finish in the conference, Tomey said, "I don't see us any different. We will be very competitive."

Tomey, who has turned the 'Cats into the pre-eminent rushing team on the West Coast in his five seasons in Tucson, hopes to tie in a little better passing game this year. Now that Ronald Veal is gone, George Malauulu should have the starting quarterback spot all to himself, backed by redshirt freshmen Charles Levy and Jason Harvey. The key receivers will be Terry Vaughn, who had 22 catches for 431 yards in the final seven games, and tight end Richard Griffith, one of the conference's best.

Art Greathouse will be missing from the always-tough rushing attack, but back are Mario Hampton, sophomore Lamont Lovett, and all-purpose Michael Bates, who was third in the Pac-10 in kickoff returns and should see more rushing action.

The offensive line figures to be better, with two-year starter John Fina and either Sam Ross or Vincent Smith at tackle, Nick Fineanganofo (another two-year starter) and Mike Ciasca at guard, and injury-prone Paul Toffle-


Bob Whitfield Stanford

mire, backed by redshirt Mu Tagoai, at center. The place-kicking duties, now that Gary Coston is gone, should be taken over by redshirt freshman Steve McLaughlin.

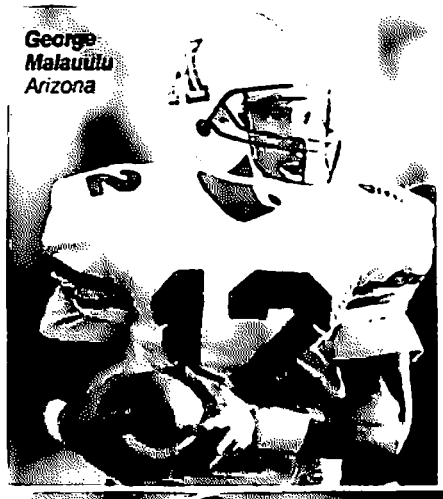
Tomey thinks he has a solid nucleus on defense, and he'll need it, since the unit gave up 26 or more points in six of the final nine games. The starters up front figure to be tackle Ty Parten, who is coming off corrective shoulder surgery, sophomore tackle Jimmie Hopkins, who is moving over from outside linebacker, and soph nose guard Rob Waldrop, who started six games as a freshman.

The linebacking corps is led by Richard Maddox, who had offseason foot surgery, outside, and Marcel Wade inside. Competing to join them as starters are Roderick Lewis, Corey Pittman, Gregg Shapiro, Craig Gilbert, and transfers Shawn Jarrett and Jamal Lee. The 'Cats graduated three players who had all-conference honors during their careers, the most notable being Jim Thorpe Award winner Darryl Lewis. But there is some returning experience in senior strong safety Richard Hold and cornerback Bobby Roland, who saw service at nickel back a year ago. Joining the unit will be JC All-America cornerback Darryl Morrison, who will compete with veterans Heath Bray, William Dixon, and Jey Phillips; sophs Tony Bouie and Mike Scurlock, and transfer Keshon Johnson. Transfer Jay Kirchoff may well challenge punters Adam Grand and Josh Miller, who averaged just 33.3 yards and had two kicks blocked.

Tomey has proved he knows how to win, but Malauulu has to develop more consistency and there has to be noticeable improvement in the defense and the kicking game if the 'Cats are to be more than just competitive.

ARIZONA STATE

At first look, you might think Sun Devils' coach Larry Marmie should send out an SOS. At second look, too. He lost 14 significant players off


George Malauulu Arizona

Eric Guliford Arizona State

a team that was just 4-7 overall and 2-5 and and in eighth place in the Pac-10. Now he has to operate without the likes of quarterback Paul Justin, strong safety Nathan LaDuke, free safety Floyd Fields, tailback Leonard Russell, and linebacker Drew Metcalf.

But during one three-game stretch, the Sun Devils played without nine full-time regulars, and 19 different players missed a total of 87 starts in 1990. What that means is the team

now has seven offensive and nine defensive players with starting experience, and also returns place-kicker Mike Richey (11 of 13 on field-goal attempts).

Much will depend on how well sophomore Bret Powers—or somebody—replaces Justin, one of the Pac-10's best. And how well soph George Montgomery or JC transfer Jerone Davison fills in for Russell, who made himself available for the NFL draft early after gaining 810 yards. Montgomery started last season before being sidelined by shin splints. Steady senior Kelvin Fisher (677 yards rushing) returns at fullback.

Eric Guliford, honorable mention all-Pac-10 after catching 48 passes for 837 yards, will be at split end, with Eric Moss at flanker and Bob Brasher replacing Ryan McReynolds at tight end. Marmie is hoping for a more physical offensive line, with sophomore Toby Mills at center, Jeff White and Bob Robertson at guard, and Tim Kirby and Mike Ritter (6-7, 293) at tackle.

There seems to be talent back on defense, although this is a unit that was no better than sixth in the Pac-10 against both the rush and the pass last season. The leader is senior cornerback Phillippi Sparks, who was second-team all-conference in 1990. He'll team with Kevin Miniefield, but the situation is not nearly so clear at the safety spots, where Michael

Clarence Williams
Washington State

Williams, Mark Brown, Adam Brass, and Kendall Rhyne are the primary contenders.

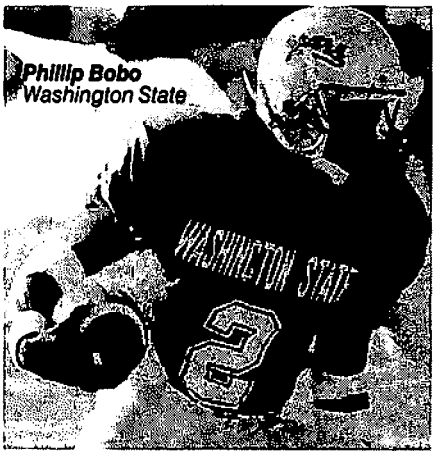
Senior Shane Collins has to be rated a question mark in the line because of knee surgery, but the Sun Devils should be stronger up front nonetheless, with the likes of David Dixon (6-6, 318), Arthur Dixon, Tim Landers, Jeff Maier, and Pat Mason. The linebacking corps should be solid and quick, with Darren Woodson (73 tackles in just eight games) and Bryan Hooks outside and returning starter Brett Wallerstedt and one of two redshirt freshmen, Justin Dragoo or Raythan Smith, inside. Steve Rausch, who handles long field goals, is also expected to handle the punting duties.

Despite Marmie's optimism, it's hard to see this as a better squad than last season's, particularly with the subtraction of offensive weapons like Justin and Russell. The schedule is a virtual minefield, too. It includes six teams that were in bowl games.

WASHINGTON STATE

Things were not good in Pullman last season, when the Cougars finished 3-8—their worst windup since 1976—and were just 2-6 and in ninth place in the Pac-10, amid stories of team dissension and low morale. Coach Mike Price went shopping for junior-college talent, and it looks as if his team will have a productive offense, although the line has to cooperate. But there is inexperience on defense, and a lack of depth.

Price demoted quarterbacks Brad Gossen and Aaron Garcia last season in favor of freshman Drew Bledsoe. That didn't please Garcia, in particular, but Bledsoe threw for 1,320 yards and 13 touchdowns in the last five games. He's a full-fledged No. 1 now, with Garcia backing him. And he'll be firing again to his top two receivers, sophomore wideout Phillip Bobo (51 receptions for 758 yards) and junior all-Pac-10 tight end Clarence "Butch" Williams (43-623). Joining the mix are 1989 starting wide receiver C.J. Davis, hurt last


Phillip Bobo
Washington State

year, and transfer Calvin Schexnayder. Shaumbe Wright-Fair, who displaced Rich Swinton in 1990 and rushed for a team-high 739 yards, will open at running back, with Paul Carr and Ron Childs supporting him.

The line returns starting tackles Bob Garman and Mike Bailey; Steve Wolfe figures at one guard, but the other guard and center spots are being contested by a group that includes Quinn Magnuson, Dustin Smith, Andy Tribble, and sophomore Josh Dunning.

The Cougars still have a rare two-way weapon in gifted senior Jason Hanson, who became just the third player ever to be named all-Pac-10 as both a punter and a place-kicker. He averaged 39.3 yards per punt, was 17 for 26 on field goals, and hit all 29 extra points.

Defensively, the major returnees are end Lee Tilleman, who had a team-high 8½ tackles for loss and 5½ sacks; cornerback Michael Wright and strong safety Anthony Prior, who's moving over from a corner spot. Kirk Westerfield and Constantine Romero and sophomore Vince Saldivar should join Tilleman up front, with touted junior Lewis Bush, who redshirted last season, and Rod Plummer at linebackers and Kurt Loertscher at rover. Curtis Geathers looks ahead for the other cornerback spot, with Darryl Hamilton probable at free safety.

Price's JC talent hunt brought in tackle Chris Frank, linebackers Eric Thompson and Kevin Ashworth, and rover Mark Fields, all of whom could contribute to a defense that gave up 381 points—95 more than even a good offense could muster.

"We have much better team speed on defense than we had last year," Price said. "That's a strength. We are trying to get our fastest, toughest, most aggressive players on the field, and that may mean a change in our alignments—maybe an odd-man defense or the use of three or four linebackers."

OREGON STATE

The last time the Beavers made much noise in West Coast football—way back in the late 1960s—they used an option-style offense. Quarterback Steve Preece and fullback Bill Enyart are long gone, but maybe the new Beavers can recapture a little of the old magic with the spread-option offense of coach Jerry Pettibone, who takes over from Dave Kragthorpe, dismissed after becoming another in a long line of coaches to fail in Corvallis. Kragthorpe's 1990 team was just 1-10.

Pettibone's 1990 Northern Illinois team ranked No. 1 in the nation in rushing offense (344.6 yards a game), and he has a proven record as a recruiter, too, in stints as an assistant at Oklahoma, Nebraska, Southern Methodist, and Texas A&M.

It's probably asking too much for him to turn the Beavers around this season, however, since the spread option depends on a skilled quarterback, and Pettibone was looking for one in the spring. Kragthorpe holdovers Ed Browning and Kent Riddle will be given first chance. Running backs Dwayne Owens and James Jones, each of whom gained 364 yards rushing last season, could blossom in the new attack. Owens, a potential star, had more than 100 all-purpose yards in eight straight games and was the team's Rookie of the Year. Converted defensive players Doug Lewis and Chad Paulson will offer support.

The wide receivers won't get as much work as they did in Kragthorpe's pro-style attack, but 5-8 junior Maurice Wilson has some ability. He led the squad with 41 receptions for 425 yards. Senior tight end Jason Blum, who'll replace the departed George Breland, should be featured more prominently. The offensive line could be a strength, with four starters back, including sophomore tackles Christian Miller and Adam Albaugh, guard Fletcher Keister, and center Tom Nordquist. The other guard should be sophomore Jim Buchanan or Dan Blus. Place-kicker Jamie Burke, who hit six of seven field-goal tries, returns.

The defense is a bit more experienced than the offense, although four starters are gone, and one of them, tackle Esera Tuaolo, will be extremely difficult to replace. Pettibone will throw JC transfer tackle Mark Cottingham into a mix up front that also will include returning starter Chad de Sully, Thomas Bookman, Sailusi Poulivaati, Ricky Fizer, and Anthony Glover. The linebacking looks fairly solid with Todd Sahlfield, who was honorable mention all-Pac-10, in the middle and Eric Davis and Mark Price or Tony O'Billovich outside. The secondary returns four players who have starting experience: Zechariah Davis and Earl Zackery at the corners, Brent Huff and sophomore Dennis Edwards at safeties. Huff, who was second-team all-conference, could be the team's best player. The punter again will be sophomore Tim Kollas (37.0).

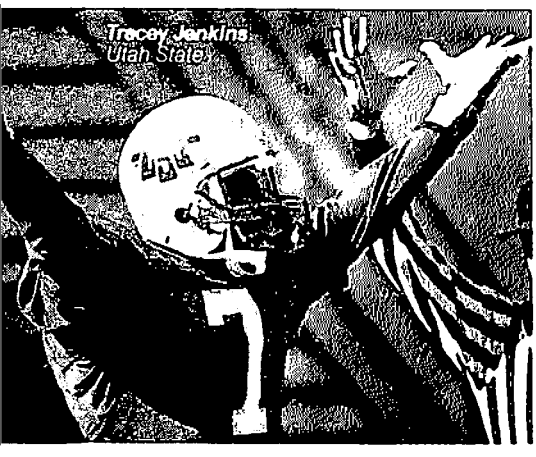
"We have some good athletes," Pettibone said, "but we have to develop more depth."

FRESNO STATE

The Bulldogs' hopes for continuing national respectability—not to mention national ranking—were severely damaged by a single game during the 1990 season: a 73–18 loss at Northern Illinois. Jim Sweeney's team won't have to wait long to try to avenge that mortifying defeat. The teams meet in the season opener at Fresno September 7. The Bulldogs were 8-2-1 in 1990 and 5-1-1 and tied for second in the Big West, and there's no reason why they can't return to the top of the conference for the sixth time under Sweeney.

Three all-conference first-teamers—running back Aaron Craver, defensive lineman Nick Ruggeroli, and cornerback Taylor Cooper—have moved on. But four are back, including Big West co-Defensive Player of the Year Marquez Pope at free safety, offensive linemen Jesse Hardwick and Melvin Johnson, and cornerback Tony Brown.

Quarterback Mark Barsotti, who has guided FSU to a 29-5-1 record in three seasons and is second on the school's all-time passing list, again will direct the offense. He'll have veteran flanker Kelvin Mears back from foot surgery, fullback Lorenzo Neal (580 yards rushing), tight end Marty Thompson, and linemen Johnson (6-1, 320), Hardwick (6-5, 290), Ron Collins, and Keland Jackson with him. Other projected offensive starters are either Frank Jones or Lee Harris at split end, sophomore Burt Prentice at center, and '90 backups James Allison and Ricky White or transfer Anthony Daigle in place of Craver, who gained 1,003 yards. Leading scorer Derek Mahoney (74 points) is back as the place-kicker.


Tracey Jenkins
Utah State

Second-team all-Big West linebacker Jeff Thiesen and linemen Earl Oliver, Judd Foel, and Zack Rix top the defense along with Pope, who may be the West's best defender, and Brown. Other possible starters: Pete Jenkins and either Chris Peters or Darren Boyer at inside linebacker, Steve Lee at rover, and Chris Rockwell or transfer Nick Serfas at end. Stacey Wilcots is likely to take over for leading tackler Mark Adams at strong safety, with Emery Braxton at the other corner. Sweeney also likes transfer defensive back Brian Porter. The punter is Brad Seagle (38.6 yards per kick.)

UTAH STATE

Coach Chuck Shelton may really have something this season, if another withering nonconference schedule doesn't interfere. He has 16 starters back from a team that was only 5-5-1 overall but finished 5-1-1 and in second place in the Big West. Among his returnees are senior running back Roger Grant, who is No. 2 among returning NCAA rushers with 124.55 yards per game; wide receiver Tracey Jenkins, who led the country with 14 TD receptions in 1990; and two all-conference kickers, Doug Beach and punter Rusty Carlsen, who averaged more than 42 yards per kick.

But, oh, that schedule! The Aggies have to play Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Brigham Young, so Shelton will have to hope what he thinks is newfound depth is for real. He does have plenty of assets, however. Quarterback Ron Lopez threw for 1,961 yards, and he again will have favorite targets Jenkins, who had 52 catches, and Rod Moore, who had 47. The running game will feature not only Grant but Floyd Foreman, who was second-team all-Big West, and transfer Robby Clemons. There's a big, veteran line, led by tackle Ed Silva, Charlie Smith, Greg O'Banion, Warren Bowers, and Jaceson Maughan, although Shelton needs a tight end to replace the departed Ryan Duve and Monte Ahlemeyer.

Mark Barsotti
Fresno State

The defensive headliners are tackles Rob VanDePol and Steve Neeleman, nose guard Mark Johnson, inside linebacker Del Lyles, and backs Toby Tyler and Ron Edwards. Also returning is Damon Smith, a reserve free safety who led the Big West in interceptions (5) as a freshman. The chief concerns are at linebacker, where Piliki Tauteoli, Kevin Bouwman, and Tom Hansen all are gone. Transfer Ernie Goddard could help. The Aggies get a big break in conference play this season by drawing both Fresno State and San Jose State at home. But just as much may depend on how they can survive afternoons in Lincoln, Norman, and Provo.

SAN JOSE STATE

You couldn't have asked much more of Terry Shea. In his first year as head coach of the Spartans, he led his team to a 9-2-1 record, a perfect 7-0 in Big West play, and a 48–24 victory over Central Michigan in the Raisin Bowl. And he just might do it again, although the guess is he may not have enough returning to fend off perennial power Fresno State or emerging power Utah State. Still, he said, "We see ourselves as a top 20 program."

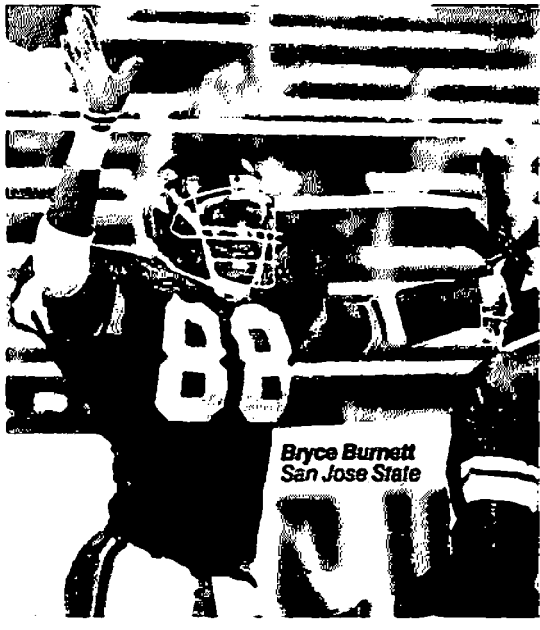
Team speed led the Spartans in 1990 and should again in '91, although tailback Sheldon Canley, quarterback Ralph Martini, and four line starters are gone from the offense, and seven starters, including linebacker Lyneil Mayo, from the defense.

One of two talented redshirts—1989 starter Matt Veatch or Jeff Garcia—will replace Martini, with Maceo Barbosa taking over for Canley, who rushed for 1,248 yards. The receiving corps, with all-Big West tight end Bryce Burnett (23 catches for 451 yards) and wideouts like Bobby Blackmon (39 receptions for 599 yards), Walter Brooks, and Byron Jackson is deep and skilled. But the offensive line, which returns only all-conference first-team tackle Peni Iosefa (6-3, 277) is the key. Guard Nick Trammer, who started five games, is the next most experienced lineman. Eight JC transfers will help fill the vacancies.

The main defensive concern is at linebacker, where Mayo, the Big West co-Defensive Player of the Year, Mike Scialabba, and leading tackler Steve Hieber all are gone, and only senior Chris Clarke returns. JC All-America Phil Lobsinger could step right in. The line will have to be rebuilt, too, with Simon Vaoifi the lone returning starter. The secondary looks more set, with returnee Freddie Smith and Elliott Franklin at the corners and two-time all-Big West pick Heshimu Colar and Anthony Washington at safeties. Punter Eric Negrey returns but the place-kicking job is open.

LONG BEACH STATE

The late George Allen did a lot toward turning the 49ers' program around in his one season as head coach. Now it's Allen assistant Willie


Bryce Burnett
San Jose State

Brown's turn to see what he can do to keep the resurgence going. The Hall of Fame defensive back will inherit 15 starters from a team that was 6-5 overall (the first winning season since 1986) and 4-3 and in fourth place in the Big West.

Defense, always an Allen staple, should be the key if the 49ers are to move up. Eight starters are back, led by first-team all-conference senior end Edward Lair and linemates

Chris Stetz, Tony Perry (6-6, 270), and John Grimes. First-team all-Big West pick Pepper Jenkins is missing from the linebacking corps, but that unit should be strong again with returning starters Calvin Thomas and Chris Tsangaris joined by John Hickey, Sean Chandler, or Dante Venturelli. Two starters, Leon Patterson and Shawn Wilbourn, departed the secondary, but a solid nucleus returns, led by 10-game starters Shawn Lawson and Bingo Williams. Seven 1990 redshirts will battle the likes of Chris Comick, Earnest Johnson, Torrin Johnson, and Chad Wilson for playing time. Second-team all-Big West selection Sean Cheevers (13 of 17 field goal attempts, all 27 PATs) returns, as does punter Ray Magana.

Brown will aim for more balance in an offense that picked up 247.6 of its 370.6 yards per game via the air. Senior quarterback Todd Studer (2,618 yards passing) will again direct the attack, throwing to a deep receiving corps led by Mark Seay (48 receptions for 771 yards), Jeff Exum, Keith Fitzgerald, and Gerald Woodyard. The lone returning starter at running back is senior Rickey Clark (327 yards rushing), so Brown will look to redshirts. In the line, where two starters are gone, the top prospects are tackles Kelly Schlegel and Corey Yeager and tight ends Byron Hamilton and Joel Glick, who split time.

Del Lyles
Utah State

PACIFIC

The Tigers discovered a magic arm in 1990, as sophomore quarterback Troy Kopp passed for 3,311 yards in only nine games, an average of 347.2 per game, third-best in the nation. Despite that brilliance, the team could manage just a 4-7 overall record, 2-5 and in sixth place in the Big West. Coach Walt Harris hopes the air game can produce better numbers in 1991.

Kopp again will work with top returning receiver Aaron Turner (66 catches for 1,264 yards), Daryl Hobbs (62 for 848), Melvin Johnson (53 for 542), Oscar Meza, and Jason Edwards. But Harris needs to get more balance from the running-back corps led by Steve Mehl, Anthony Williams, and Jessie Campbell. The best linemen are honorable mention all-Big West selections Chris Baus and Greg Bishop, 11-game starting tackle Randy Paulletto, and starting center Glenn McElderry.

The defensive front is uncertain, since just one starting lineman, Eric Bengston, and one outside linebacker, Peter Miller, return. The Tigers will look to JC transfers Sam Tonikian and Greg Milam to make an immediate impact. The situation is more settled at inside linebacker, where touted sophomore Ron Papazian (97 total tackles) will be joined by Matt Volpe and Shawn Tennenbaum.

Transfer Chuckie Bibbs may push returning starter Troy Reeves, Gordon Jones, and Dimitri Gazelas at cornerback, with seniors Kyron Johnson, the team's leading sacker in 1990, and Brent Atkins at strong safety, and youngsters Jeff Russell, who started as a freshman last season until he was hurt, and Nathan Young at free safety. The kicking game will be led by newcomer Eddie Ausherman, a first-team JC All-America who could handle both place-kicking and punting duties, although returning kicker Jason Schouten and punter Tony Nordbeck will challenge.

NEVADA LAS VEGAS

Former Notre Dame offensive coordinator Jim Strong had a so-so start in his first season as head coach of the Rebels, finishing with a 4-7 overall record, 3-4 and in fifth place in the Big West. This fall, he'll be minus 11 starters, six of them on offense, so major improvement may take a while, particularly since UNLV has two Pac-10 teams on its schedule.

There are two big offensive assets: third-year starter Derek Stott, who passed for 1,877 yards, at quarterback and 5-9 senior Hunkie Cooper at just about everything. Cooper played quarterback, wide receiver, and running back last season, in addition to returning punts and kickoffs, and was named team MVP despite the fact he started only three games. He should be featured as a wide receiver this season, where he'll join sophomore John Ma'ae. Back up front are two honors candidates: tackle Jerry Reynolds (6-6, 297) and senior center Joe Biritz. But the Rebels may have trouble replacing all-conference wide receiver Keenan McCardell and leading rusher Marvin Eastman. The offensive line was also depleted by graduation.

Defensively, the deep and talented linebacking corps might be the best in the conference. The leaders are senior Stacy Monroe and a quartet of sophomores: Rumone Hilton, Reese Thomas, Kenneth Crump, and Keith Clough. The secondary looks better, too, with three returning starters: David Efferson, Rodney Crozier, and leading tackler Carlton Johnson. They may be joined by sophomore Auntwan Armstrong, who doubles as a wide receiver. Mansfield Dinkins and Elgin Lofton should work with returning starter Chuck Reed in the line, which loses Aaron Christian and David Clarke. But redshirts Lonnie Palelei and Cedric Leonard may figure.

Transfer punter Brian Parvin of Mt. San Antonio JC comes very highly touted. The Rebels will need a new place-kicker, since both Luis Solorio and Todd Amrein graduated.

NEW MEXICO STATE

It was another disastrous season in Las Cruces, but the Aggies' lone victory in 11 tries did come in the last game of the year (43–9 over Cal State Fullerton), and coach Jim Hess is hoping for a little carry-over. He's added 20 JC transfers to 38 lettermen, which includes seven defensive and five offensive starters.

The two top tacklers—senior middle linebacker Steve Campbell and sophomore safety Donald Stowers—both return. Campbell, a second-team all-Big West choice, had 135 stops. But Hess has to do something about a run defense that ranked last in the conference. The front four should include seniors Loren Dunlap, Chad Glover, and Shawn Moore and junior Sam Austrino, who was limited in spring practice by a foot injury. Teaming with Campbell at linebacker will be Brian Carter and former running back Demoin DeShay. Chad Baum should complement Stowers nicely at safety, but both cornerbacks—Lolo James and Marvon Spell—have departed. Danny Mitchell and George Sykes will get first call to replace them.

The Aggies have the experienced quarterback they lacked at the start of last season in senior David Chisum, who broke the school record for single-season pass completions, with 187, and passed for 2,277 yards. Fullback Jimmie Mitchell (832 yards rushing) may be granted an extra year of eligibility. If he isn't back, newcomer Daryle Donahue is the leading contender for his job, with smallish junior Ray Washington, who was fourth in the nation in kickoff returns, at halfback. Todd Cutler (32 catches for 435 yards) is back at tight end, but with Alvin Warren and Richard Sanchez gone, the wide-receiver spots look thin. The offensive line, which yielded 54 sacks in 1990, is uncertain, too, although highly touted transfer Sean Bowman should help. Punter Garret Henson may also handle the place-kicking.

CAL STATE FULLERTON

After a year that produced just one victory in 12 games and a last-place finish in the Big West, the Titan football program spent the off-season in a fight for survival. The school's Athletics Council recommended dropping the sport in January because of severe budget restrictions. It got a reprieve in February after a pledge of community financial support, but coach Gene Murphy is still struggling to hold things together in 1991 with a cut-down staff. There again will be no schedule breaks in nonconference play (Mississippi State, Texas Tech, and Georgia).

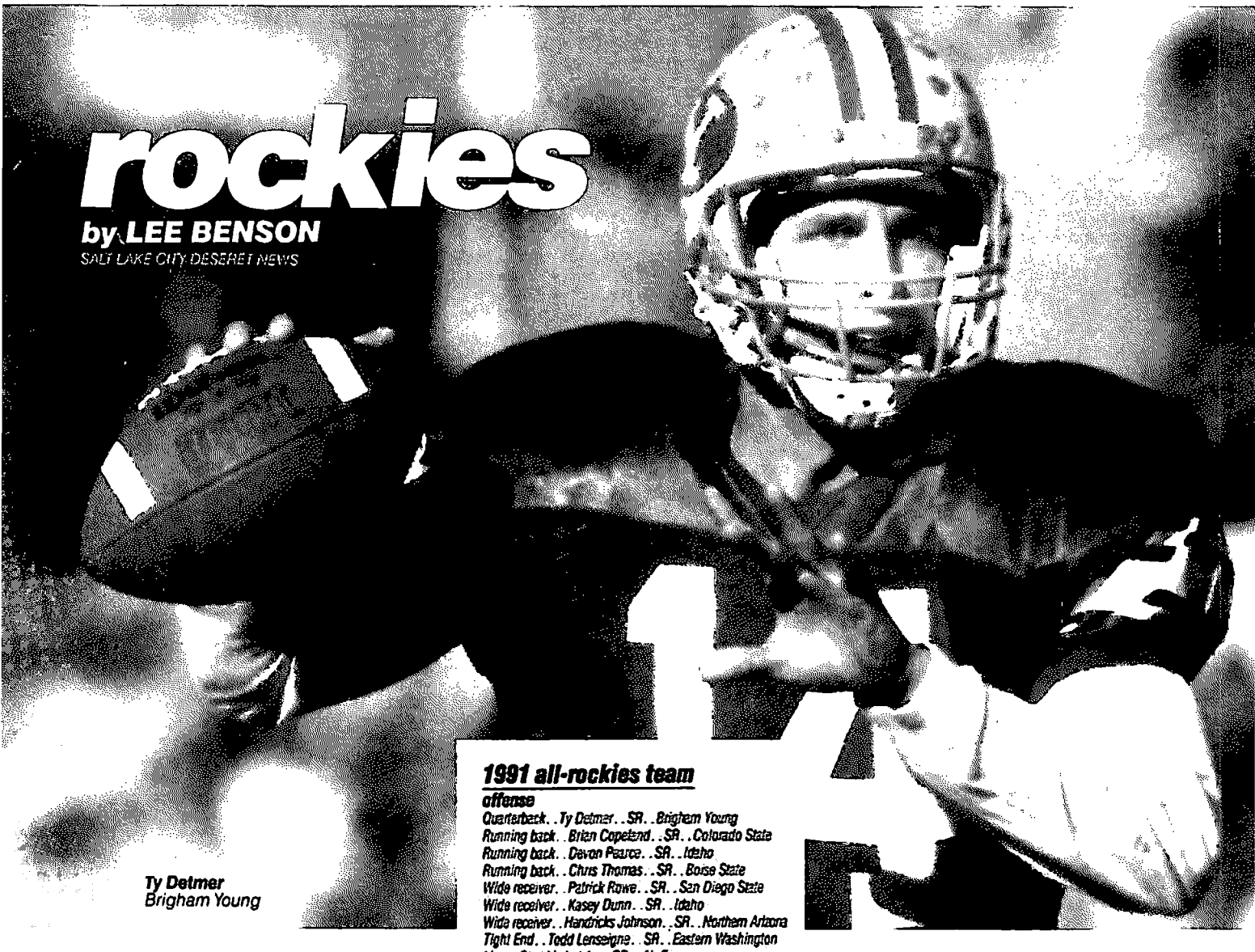
Offensively, the best hope is senior running back Reggie Yarbrough, a second-team all-Big West pick who rushed for 1,014 yards, becoming only the fifth Titan ever to top 1,000. Redshirt Chad May will challenge '90 backup Terry Payne at quarterback. The receiving corps will be headed by Kerry Reed, who had 37 receptions for 467 yards despite missing three games with a knee injury. Murphy has been tinkering with an offensive line that could be fairly solid despite a lack of experienced depth. Guard Shannon Illingworth, a 1989 starter who injured a knee in the '90 opener, redshirt David Porter, and converted defensive lineman Wally Bonnett should help.

Phil Nevin is an offensive and defensive plus after being named all-Big West place-kicker in 1989 and punter last season, when he averaged 40.1 yards a kick.

The top defender is senior linebacker Lorenzo Hailey, who had a team-high 99 tackles. But there are new faces up front and in the secondary, where all four starters are gone from a unit that was burned for more than 300 years per game. Rod Smith and Michael Jones will get first crack in the backfield. Chad Lindsay and Teddy McMillan are serviceable linebackers, while J.C. Farrow and Stan Breland lend some stability in the line. □

rockies

by LEE BENSON
SALT LAKE CITY DESERET NEWS



Ty Detmer
Brigham Young

1991 all-rockies team

offense

Quarterback..Ty Detmer..SR..Brigham Young
Running back..Brian Copeland..SR..Colorado State
Running back..Devon Pearce..SR..Idaho
Running back..Chris Thomas..SR..Boise State
Wide receiver..Patrick Rowe..SR..San Diego State
Wide receiver..Kasey Dunn..SR..Idaho
Wide receiver..Hendricks Johnson..SR..Northern Arizona
Tight End..Todd Lenseigne..SR..Eastern Washington
Line..Steed Lobotrite..SR..Air Force
Line..Tony Nichols..JR..San Diego State
Line..Bruce Covington..SR..Weber State
Line..Chad Germer..SR..Idaho
Line..Kevin Sargent..SR..Eastern Washington
Place-kicker..Joe Wood..SR..Air Force
Kick-returner..Jeff Sydner..JR..Hawaii

defense

Line..Corey Widmer..SR..Montana State
Line..Jimmy Bellamy..SR..Utah
Line..Thomas Williams..JR..Wyoming
Line..Chris Baker..JR..Air Force
Linebacker..Anthony Davis..SR..Utah
Linebacker..Rocky Biegel..SR..Brigham Young
Linebacker..Matt Clifton..SR..Nevada
Back..Paul Wallace..JR..Wyoming
Back..Tony Crutchfield..SR..Brigham Young
Back..Frank Robinson..SR..Boise State
Back..Carlton McDonald..JR..Air Force
Punter..Jason Christ..SR..Air Force

Rocky Mountain football in general, and Brigham Young football in particular, face an unprecedented situation this fall: How do you react after you've won the Heisman Trophy? What do you do for an encore? Is it gauche to win it again?

BYU's Ty Detmer became the first Rocky Mountain player in history to win the annual award as the nation's outstanding football player when he outpolled Notre Dame's Rocket Ismail in the 1990 balloting. Now, Detmer returns for his senior season to find out what life is like after winning the trophy, and to see about trying to become only the second two-time winner (after Ohio State's Archie Griffin) in Heisman history.

In the face of wading into all this uncharted territory, Detmer and the Cougars have to be concerned about a continuation of what looked suspiciously like the beginning of a Heisman jinx at the end of last season, immediatey after Detmer won the award. No sooner did the announcement come from New York than Detmer and BYU took the field in Honolulu against Hawaii and got blitzed, 59–28, in their last regular-season game. Then, in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, they not only lost by another huge margin, 65–14 to Texas A&M, but they also saw Detmer sidelined for the first time in his career with injuries to both of his shoulders. He had surgery on his throwing (right) shoulder in the offseason, and went throught extensive rehabilitation on both shoulders during the spring, missing practice as a result. His celebrated return to throwing came on, appropriately enough, May Day.

All reports label Detmer as good as new heading into the fall. He'll need to be. He'll not only be working behind a completely new line and with an offense that features only three returning starters (counting himself), but he'll also be leading the Cougars into the toughest opening schedule in school history—and perhaps the toughest of any school in the nation. BYU meets Florida State in the Disneyland Classic in Anaheim to start the season. Then comes a game at UCLA, followed by a game at Penn State, and then the conference opener in Provo against a strong Air Force team that beat Ohio State in the 1990 Liberty Bowl. Each of those opponents has the potential to be in the nation's top 20.

By the end of September, Detmer will have either established himself as Archie Griffin's heir apparent, and the Cougars will have established themselves as a national champion contender, or they'll be wandering around Provo, wondering what happened and looking for an analyst. Whatever the case, the final eight games—with five of them at home and seven of them against familiar WAC victims—will seem like a holiday.

Meanwhile, in the rest of the Rockies, Air Force and Colorado State will see about capi-

talizing on their 1990 bowl victories (the Rams over Oregon in the Freedom Bowl), Wyoming will try to find life after Paul Roach, and, in the Big Sky, the Idaho Vandals will see about avenging three close 1990 losses and winning a league title and possibly a I-AA national championship as well.

western athletic conference

AIR FORCE

Coming off a 7-5 season is no big deal, but coming off a season that saw four victories in the last five games, capped by a 23–11 defeat of Ohio State in the Liberty Bowl, is a big deal. With six offensive starters back, including wishbone-tested quarterback Rob Perez, the Academy is no longer singing the loss-of-Dee-Dowis blues and is looking at the strong possibility of a formidable season and its first conference title since 1985.

Perez, a senior, rounded into form as the director of the wishbone at the end of 1990, capping his season by winning MVP honors in the Liberty Bowl. Then, in spring practice, he set about adding a passing threat to the Air Force offense. Last fall, the Falcons failed to throw a single touchdown pass—the only such I-A school—but in the Blue-White spring game, Perez threw two touchdowns while completing 12 of 20 passes for 220 yards. Since the Falcons completed 30 of 90 passes for 386 yards for the entire 1990 season, Perez's spring effort raised some eyebrows, suggesting that coach Fisher DeBerry's plan to pass more than in the past and put some mystery back in the Falcons' offense isn't just talk.

Perez, playing behind a virtually intact offensive line (only one starter graduated), has plenty of option backs to turn to when the running game takes the field. While no full-time starters return from 1990, Ron Gray, a starter in '89, is back after sitting out a season to rehabilitate his knee, and fullback Jason Jones, while not a starter last season, still led the team in rushing yards, with 598. Two sophomore halfbacks, Wayne Young and Obasi Onuoha, have 40-yard dash times under 4.5 and are expected to contribute.

Replacing linebackers Brian Hill and J.T. Tokish, the team's top two tacklers, won't be easy, but Vergil Simpson does return on the outside. The secondary is solid, though, with Carlton McDonald, Eldrick Hill, and Shannon Yates, a reputed big hitter, all returning. McDonald had two interceptions against Ohio State in the Liberty Bowl and Yates was the team interception leader.

One of the Academy's biggest offensive weapons figures to be place-kicker Joe Wood, a returning first-team all-WAC player whose field-goal percentage of 85.7 (12 of 14) last season set a single-season school record. Senior Jason Christ led the conference in punting (42.6 yards).

BRIGHAM YOUNG

You'd think defending its WAC title would be a cinch for BYU and its returning Heisman Trophy quarterback, Ty Detmer. But graduation losses, injuries, and the schedule—in no particular order—make 1991 a questionable season for the Cougars.

A visit to practice last spring was most revealing. Only eight starters were back from the 10-3 team, and only five of them physically participated in workouts. Chief among the noshows was Detmer, watching from the sidelines while healing the right shoulder he injured against Texas A&M in the Holiday Bowl. Also sitting out drills were linebacker Rocky Biegel (shoulder), the anchor of the defense, and cornerback Tony Crutchfield (knee).

It's at linebacker where the Cougars are strongest. Three starters return: Biegel, Scott Giles, and Shad Hansen. Add part-time starter Jared Leavitt to the list and the Cougars are solid in the middle. With a healed Crutchfield and weak safety Derwin Gray returning, the secondary is reasonably experienced as well. It's on the interior line, with no returning starters, that rebuilding is full-scale.

As for the offense, Detmer can look to his right and see guard Brian May, and that's it for familiar faces. However, the retooled line may not be in bad shape because two mission returnees, Eli Herring and Mike Empey, have experience; because letterman Mike Jenkins, the WAC's biggest player (375 pounds), may finally come into his own; and because coach LaVell Edwards was high on the talent level, if not the experience, after spring ball.

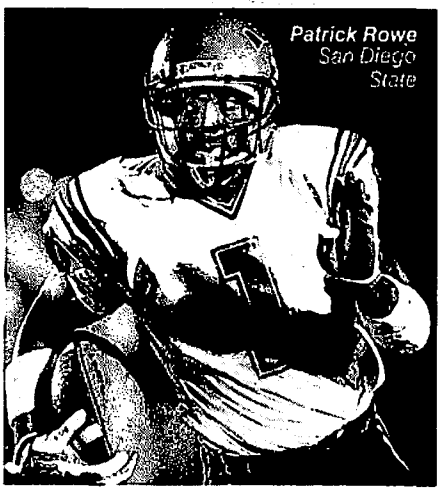
predictions

western athletic conference

1. Air Force, 2. Brigham Young, 3. San Diego State, 4. Colorado State, 5. Hawaii, 6. Wyoming, 7. Utah, 8. UTEP, 9. New Mexico

big sky conference

1. Idaho, 2. Nevada, 3. Boise State, 4. Montana State, 5. Montana, 6. Eastern Washington, 7. Northern Arizona, 8. Weber State, 9. Idaho State



Patrick Rowe
San Diego State

Receivers Micah Matsuzaki and Nati Valdez combined for 34 receptions from Detmer last year, and they'll be back. But since Detmer completed 361 passes, that doesn't mean much. Replacing tight end Chris Smith and all-purpose back Matt Bellini are the challenges. Fullback Peter Tuipulotu is the only backfield starter besides Detmer.

Backing up Detmer will be incumbent understudy Joe Evans, a senior, and redshirt freshman Ryan Hancock, a 93-MPH baseball pitcher who completed 10 of 23 passes in the spring game and then, a half hour later, struck out two in the last inning to get a save in a BYU-Adams State baseball game. Also, heralded California high school quarterback John Walsh signed with the Cougars, who enjoyed a good recruiting season, adding Jamal Willis, the Nevada Player of the Year, and Mark Atuaia, the Hawaii Player of the Year.

SAN DIEGO STATE

Sure, Dan McGwire has gone to the NFL and the Aztecs still aren't certain who's going to replace all 6-feet-8 of him, but with 14 starters returning, including the indomitable wide receiver Patrick Rowe, San Diego State isn't expected to crumble just because it has to break in a new quarterback.

Rowe enters the season riding an NCAA-record nine consecutive games of at least 100 yards receiving. With a favorable early schedule that includes home games against Long Beach State and Pacific, he could stretch the mark to 11 before tougher tests at Air Force and against UCLA in San Diego. Rowe's 1,392 receiving yards were a WAC record last season, and his 126.5 yards per game led the nation. Before it's all over, he may state a Heisman case of his own.

The problem will be in finding someone to throw to Rowe, as well as to the top five running backs from last season, and to stand behind an offensive line that returns all but one starter. There are worse positions to have to step into. In the spring, sophomore quarterbacks Cree Morris and David Lowery battled to become the next McGwire, but without a conclusion. Morris backed up McGwire, a Seattle first-round draftee, last season, and Lowery backed up McGwire in 1989 before taking a redshirt season.

A defense that yielded 36 points per league game and ranked last in both total and scoring defense, must be shored up. Local San Diego product Tyrone Morrison, a defensive end who transferred from Ohio State and sat out the season in 1990, could be one of the answers. But he injured his knee in the first day of contact in the spring, and didn't practice again. Another Ohio State transfer, safety Darrell Lewis, didn't play in the spring either, because of hamstring problems. He could be an impact defender as well. Defensive backs Robert Griffith, Gary Taylor, and Damon Pieri and nose tackle Eric Duncan all return with starting experience.

In the kicking department, Andy Trakas, the WAC's leading scorer in 1990 with 9.73 points per game (fifth nationally), returns. In all, 27 of last year's 44 players on the two-deep roster

Rob Perez
Air Force

return. With a schedule that includes most of the WAC's expected strong teams (BYU, Colorado State, and Wyoming) at home late in the season, the Aztecs should have ample time to find their next quarterback.

COLORADO STATE

Coming off its winningest season in history (9-4), its best-ever WAC record (6-1, second place behind BYU), and its first bowl appearance in 42 years (a 32–31 win over Oregon in the Freedom Bowl), Colorado State may have a few holes to fill, but it has no complaints. Two years into Earle Bruce's tenure and the atmosphere in Ft. Collins is at an all-time high.

Since Bruce arrived on the scene, only a year removed from his well-publicized firing at Ohio State, the Rams have compiled a 14-9-1 record overall (10-4 in conference games). Not sensational numbers in Columbus, perhaps, but in Ft. Collins they are unprecedented. In 21 years of WAC membership prior to the Bruce years, the Rams had experienced just three winning conference marks. In the eight years before he came they were 20-44 against league opponents, including 2-14 in 1987 and 1988. About the only WAC problem Bruce's Rams haven't been able to deal with is the one in Provo. Two of CSU's four conference losses the past two years have been to BYU, and they haven't been close (42–7 in 1988, 45–16 in 1989). Traditionally, BYU has always been a headache to the Rams. In 21 WAC games, BYU leads the series 16-4-1.

Bruce has 10 starters back from last year's bowl team. Kevin Verdugo will step in as the full-time starter at quarterback, after alternating with Mike Giminez in 1990. Verdugo has started 11 games over the past two seasons. He'll have last year's top receiver, Greg Primus (56 receptions), back, as well as Brian Copeland, the WAC's rushing leader with 896 yards on 169 carries. In all, the skill positions are well-manned. The line has holes to fill, but center Mike Padilla and guard Adam Whitmer are back, and tackle Jason Basso (6-6, 283) is surrounded by high expectations.

The defense must be rebuilt with a completely new front three, but the linebacking is solidly anchored by returning starters Kevin Lynch and Otis Hamilton. Cornerback Selwyn Jones, strong safety Robert Stratman, and weak safety Harlan Carroll are returning starters in a backfield that ranked second-best in the WAC against the pass, behind only BYU. And yet another corner, Sylvester Mabry, has extensive playing time to his credit.

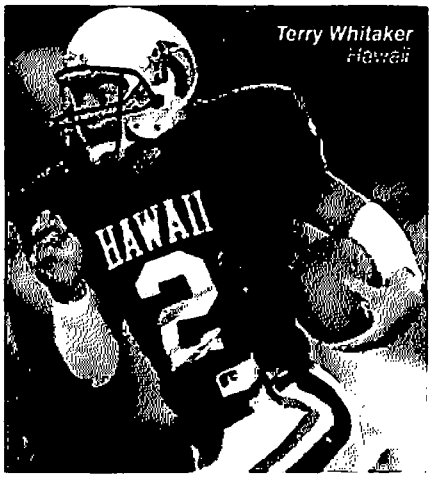
HAWAII

After two years of posing as legitimate title contenders, only to finish third both times, Hawaii is in a semi-rebuilding state. The Rainbow Warriors do have slotback and return-man extraordinaire Jeff Sydner, whom they'll be touting for the Heisman Trophy, and they have experienced running back Jamal Farmer. They have six solid defensive starters returning as well, so it's not out of the question that they could contend again this year as they break in a new quarterback for the departed Garrett Gabriel.

But there is their annual problem to contend with: namely, how to win in the WAC when they're not at home. The last two seasons, when a first-ever WAC title was within their grasp, they went 0-2 and 1-3 on the mainland. Going 8-1-1 in Aloha Stadium was good but not good enough. In 12 years as a WAC member, the Warriors have posted a 35-20-3 conference record in Honolulu and a 13-17 record away from home. This year, there are road games at Wyoming, BYU, and Colorado State. If history is any indicator, they will be Hawaii's undoing. In addition, Hawaii plays at Iowa and at San Jose State and entertains Notre Dame in a home game on November 30. They're calling it the toughest schedule in school history.

Coach Bob Wagner, 30-18-1 in four seasons, will again use his island variation of the run-and-shoot offense. To replace Gabriel, who left with 32 school records, Michael Carter emerged from spring practice as the likeliest starter, with another sophomore, Ivin Jasper, also in the running. Jasper is a better passer and Carter a stronger runner, and both could end up seeing a lot of playing time.

Sydner is the team's showcase player. He led the WAC and was fifth nationally in 1990 in all-purpose running, with 163 yards per game. He had 390 rushing yards for the season, 820



Terry Whitaker
Hawaii

receiving yards, 483 punt-return and 265 kick-off-return yards. Then, too, there's Farmer, a junior who already has 1,650 rushing yards to his credit. The only negative is that his freshman totals of 986 yards and a 5.0 yards-per-carry average were better than his sophomore totals of 665 yards and a 4.2 average.

With tackles Akili Calhoun and Maa Tanuvasa back up front, 1990 leading tackler Terry Whitaker anchoring the linebackers, and interception leader Tony Pang-Kee back to head the secondary, the defense that ranked No. 1 in the WAC last season will have a good shot at defending that title.

WYOMING

There won't be a lot of coaches envying Joe Tiller's position at Wyoming. Tiller is the man Wyoming has hired to replace head coach Paul Roach, who retired after four seasons with a best-in-school-history record of 35-15, three bowl appearances, and two WAC titles. Not only does Tiller have that legacy to live up to, he has to do it with an offense that returns only four starters and with a four-game losing streak that wound up the 1990 season.

The '90 Cowboys were cruising along at 9-0 until they ran into Colorado State, Brigham Young, Hawaii, and, in the Copper Bowl, California. When the 9-4 dust had cleared, Roach announced he would step down, to concentrate on his duties as Wyoming's athletic director, and replaced himself with Tiller, Roach's top aide the past two seasons.

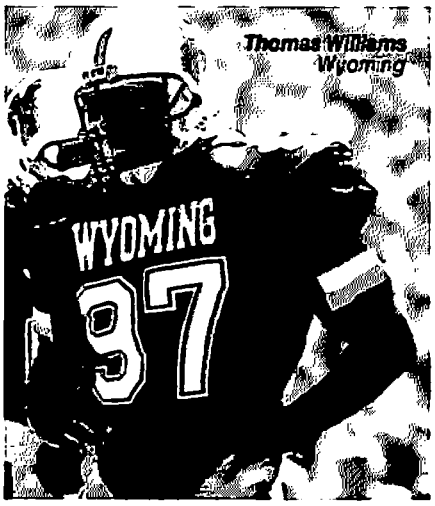
Tiller has said he won't change Wyoming's system on either side of the ball, although the Pokes, because of their personnel, will go to more of a pass-oriented, one-back look than in the past. Quarterback Tom Corontzos is back for his senior year. His consistency is a key for the offense. At the skill positions, only wide receiver Robert Rivers is back as a starter. Running back Dwight Driver returns after a 684-yard season in 1990, but he has to recover from knee surgery that kept him out of the Copper Bowl. Overall, there is plenty of depth at wide receiver, with Greg Brown and Ryan Yarborough other targets.

A good spring by freshman defensive back Eric Edmond enabled the Cowboys to move Efrem Haymore from a corner position to safety and opened up the entire secondary, where the Cowboys should be the strongest defensively, led by all-WAC first-teamer Paul Wallace. Replacing WAC Defensive Player of the Year Mitch Donahue at end will be the biggest challenge. If tackle Thomas Williams rebounds from knee surgery that kept him out of the Copper Bowl, he could be a dominator. He had 11 sacks in 1990.

Sean Fleming, a senior and three-year regular, should contend for the national punting title. He averaged nearly 40 yards in 1990.

UTAH

You won't find a more enthusiastic coach than Utah's Ron McBride, now in his second season. But as last year's 4-7 Utes displayed,



Thomas Williams
Wyoming

enthusiasm can take you only so far. Plagued by a lack of depth, the Utes didn't start out the McBride era any better than they ended the Jim Fassel era. The Utes' defense did improve under McBride—up to 81st in the country from the near last-place finishes in previous years—but the offense faded. A program that led the country one year and was constantly in the top 10 under Fassel faded to 79th in scoring offense and 73rd in total offense in 1990.

Still, the Utes do return 15 starters—more than any team in the WAC. The eight defensive returnees, led by all-WAC linebacker Anthony Davis, are secure at their positions. The offensive returnees, however, are not. A team that scored 19.5 points per game doesn't normally resist change.

Mike Richmond, the quarterback who wrested the job away from Jason Woods late

in 1990, will be No. 1 going into fall drills, but he can expect pressure from junior-college redshirt transfer Frank Dolce. As for Woods, he'll take his 6-foot-5, 240-pound body and become the starting tight end. One position that will be secure is wide receiver, where junior Bryan Rowley returns after a 28-catch, 762-yard, five-touchdown season. His 27.2 yards per-catch average was among the national leaders. In the backfield, Steve Abrams (562 yards) returns and Charlie Brown, a heralded recruit two years ago, has the speed and potential to become the big-play man the Utes have been lacking.

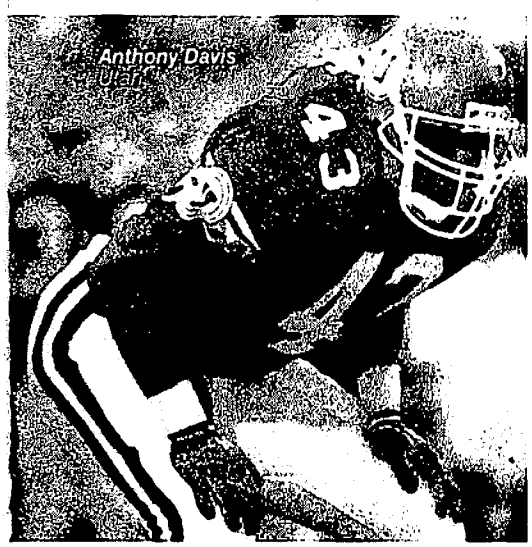
After transferring from Spokane Falls Community College, Davis made his presence felt immediately. En route to an all-league season, he racked up 10 tackles for minus yards, four sacks, one pass interception, 87 total tackles, and two WAC Defensive Player of the Week awards. He should see a lot of double-teaming this season, but with ends Jimmy Bellamy and Keith Embray, tackle Dave Chaytors, and linebacker Pita Tonga all back as starters, Davis shouldn't be the only problem. In the secondary, LaVon Edwards, a four-year starter, is the leading returnee, while Reggie Alston, a junior-college transfer, made a strong bid in the spring for a starting slot at free safety.

UTEP

After a slow start, third-year coach David Lee finally has some bodies surrounding him, including 14 returning starters, and optimism, relatively speaking, is on the rise in El Paso. There's a good chance the Miners, who were 2-10 in Lee's first year and 3-8 last season, can continue their gradual move out of the doldrums. Still, anything more than four victories is unlikely.

Quarterback Mike Perez returns as the starter. He should be much more composed after a year of getting ready. Certainly he'll be more composed than he was last year, when he was rushed into duty after the heralded Howard Grasser was injured. Perez will be at the controls of a new run-and-shoot offense, a change ordered by Lee because Perez is more of a scrambling, option-type quarterback, and because it's the kind of offense Lee has always preferred.

Halfback Kenny Brown had a good spring and should be a factor in the new offense, as should slotbacks Larry Sims, back from a knee injury, and Ivory Durio, a Prop 48 player who sat out last season. To wide receiver Glenn Bishop comes the challenge to be the next Reggie Barrett. He should be adequate at least. In the kickoff-return department, Roy Ross returns after placing 12th in the nation, and first in the WAC, as a freshman, averaging 25.42 yards per return.


Anthony Davis
Utah

Linebackers Barron Wortham and Pete Shufelt are back. They're the strength of a defense that includes four returning starters in the secondary: cornerbacks O.T. Thomas and Otha West, strong safety Anthony Hooks, and free safety Fred Patterson. Among them, however, they only had eight interceptions in 1990 in the pass-happy WAC.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico's 6-41 record the past five years under coach Mike Sheppard is only part of the story. Not only have the Lobos lost a lot of games, they've been unlucky. Losing close games has been their forte. In the past two years they've lost 10 games by a total of 39 points. Last season, they lost 10 of 12 games, including four by a touchdown or less.

So if the Lobos lose, at least they don't always lose big. School officials decided to award Sheppard with a three-year contract extension midway through last season, giving him enough time to at least catch up with the law of averages.

There will be a lot of other catching up this year as well. Only Steve Slater and Brad Sullivan return to the offensive line. In all, just eight regulars are back. Five new coaches have been brought in, including Dave Kragthorpe, the former Oregon State coach who was in charge of the offensive line at BYU when Sheppard first got into the profession.

Jeremy Leach
New Mexico

Surrounded by newcomers, Sheppard decided to change to a new offense. He'll depart from the pro-style passing attack he learned while a graduate assistant at BYU and will go to the run-and-shoot. At the controls will be one of three quarterbacks who left spring ball in a dead heat for the starting job. They include Jeremy Leach, the long-time starter until late last season; Marcus Goodloe, who took the starting job from Leach; and Stoney Case, a redshirt freshman.

The most stable position is place-kicking, where two-year starter Dave Margolis returns with a respectable 29-of-38 career field-goal mark. Margolis was good for 5-of-8 from beyond 40 yards in 1990. Also returning is punter Troy Rossean and his 42.0-yard average.

The Lobos face a severe schedule in their rebuilding season. They begin with three straight road games: UTEP, TCU, and Hawaii. They must play at Fresno State, and their WAC games in Albuquerque include three of the traditionally strongest teams in the league: Air Force, BYU, and Wyoming.

big sky conference

IDAHO

After a season that concluded with a heartbreaking, one-point loss to eventual I-AA champ Georgia Southern in the semifinals of the national tournament, Idaho comes into 1990 with 13 returning starters, including the top wide receiver and the No. 2 running back in I-AA, a seven-game regular-season winning streak, and home games against the teams considered to give them the most trouble in the Big Sky race, namely Nevada, Montana, and Boise State. The Vandals should win their fourth Big Sky title in five years.

Coach John L. Smith, entering his third year, has Doug Nussmeier back at full strength at quarterback. Nussmeier was the starter through the first six games last season and then went down with a fractured ankle, allowing senior Steve Nolan to guide the team to within one game of the national title. Now, Nolan is graduated and Nussmeier is coming off an impressive spring, where he completed 27 of 42 passes for three touchdowns in the Vandals' season-ending scrimmage. His top receiver in that scrimmage was Yo Murphy, the Idaho Falls product who had seven catches for 152 yards. Murphy, a junior, will be counted on for plenty of offense but still figures to be an understudy to the team's premier receiver, Kasey Dunn. In 1990, Dunn was the No. 1 receiver in I-AA, with 88 catches, 1,164 yards, and seven touchdowns.

Nussmeier's biggest problem will be trying to figure whether to throw to Dunn or Murphy or to hand off to Devon Pearce, the No. 2 rusher in I-AA with 1,393 yards on 267 carries. He was at his best with a 226-yard day against Boise State when the Broncos were ranked second in the nation against the run.

On the offensive line, sophomore tackle Jody Schnug returns with a reputation as a top-notch protector. Two other starters rejoin him, although Chris Schneider suffered a knee injury in the spring and had to have surgery. He is expected to be able to play, however.

The offense will be the strength of the team early on, with non-league home games against Sonoma State and Southwest Texas available for tune-ups. Defensively, the Vandals have more leaks to plug. Three starting linebackers and three key backs graduated. End Jeff Robinson does return after a 16-sack, three-interception season.

NEVADA

A new deck on the University of Nevada's Mackay Stadium has expanded seating capacity to 26,000 and reflects the school's football fortunes of late. The Wolf Pack ended the 1990 season as the national tournament runner-up after a 36–13 loss at Georgia Southern. That game capped a 13-2 season that

gave Nevada its third Big Sky championship in the past eight years, and extended the school's record since 1979 (coach Chris Ault's first year) to 99-45-1. Three All-Americas and two all-conference performers must be replaced, as well as six others. The hardest shoes to fill will be those of Treamelle Taylor, Nevada's big-play wide receiver.

Quarterback Fred Gatlin is back, as well as his capable backup, Chris Vargas. It was Vargas who played in every down of Nevada's seven overtime periods in three games in 1990. The Wolf Pack won all three games (31–28 over Idaho in one overtime, 42–35 over Furman in three overtimes in the I-AA tournament, and 59–52 over Boise State in yet another triple overtime in the I-AA semifinals). Also, starting running back Eric Smith returns, along with tight end Scott Benning. And the biggest answer to Taylor could be running back Jason Frierson, the Big Sky's leading rusher four games into 1990, when a blown knee knocked him out for the season.

On the offensive line, only two official starters are back, but the injuries to linemen that looked like a curse at the beginning of 1990 could end up being a blessing. Nevada is loaded with experience on the line.

Defensively, inside linebacker Matt Clafton, the tackling leader for two years, and all-Big Sky cornerback Brock Marion are the strengths of a mostly experienced squad.

The Wolf Pack will not ease gently into the season. They open September 7 in Mackay Stadium against I-A instate rival UNLV.

BOISE STATE

Once again, the Broncos head into the season as legitimate conference championship contenders. That's nothing new. Since joining the Big Sky in 1971, Boise's records of 167-74-2, .691 (overall) and 69-43-1, .689 (conference games) lead all other member schools. The Broncos have had a problem finishing the season No. 1 in the league, however. Not since 1980, when they won their fifth championship in eight seasons, have they finished at the top. In 1990 their 6-2 league mark came within one game of Nevada's. An early-season 16–10 loss to Eastern Washington haunted them the rest of the year.

This year's team is led by perennial all-Big Sky running back Chris Thomas and cornerback Frank Robinson. Thomas was named first-team all-league as both a sophomore and junior in 1989 and '90. He had 913 yards and eight touchdowns last season in addition to 271 receiving yards and another touchdown, even though he was plagued by injuries. Robinson is a senior with pro potential. He had six interceptions in 1990, as well as a team-leading 19 pass deflections. In addition, he returned punts. In the offseason, he lettered for the Broncos basketball team for the second straight year.

Replacing the graduated Mike Virden at quarterback will be Jeff Mladenich, a junior without experience. He won the position cleanly in the spring, though, and could lend his running abilities to give Boise more of an option look on offense. Tight end Larry Stayner and offensive tackle David Koch, both honorable mention all-league a year ago, bring valuable experience, while strong safety Anthony Brown, with seven interceptions, is a capable complement for Robinson.

The Broncos must play at Montana, Idaho, and Nevada—three teams likely to battle them for the title. Only one other game all season—with Weber State—is on the road, with seven games slated for Bronco Stadium.

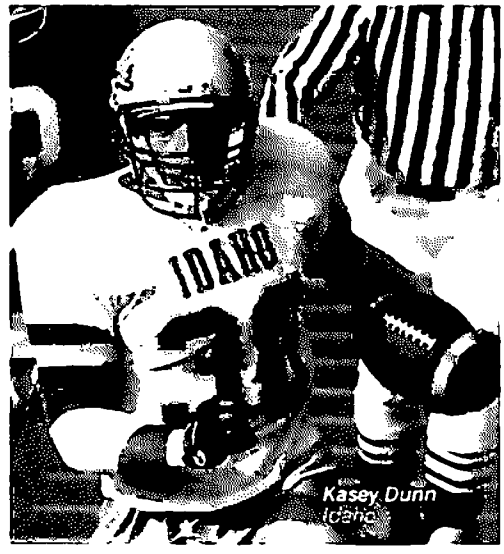
MONTANA STATE

With 39 returning lettermen, including 18 starters, seven of 11 games at home, and a dizzying return man/wide receiver in Rob Tesch, Montana State could make a move into the Big Sky's upper division.

The Bobcats can't say they don't know the territory in the Big Sky, not with nine returning starters on both sides of the line. Offensively, that includes incumbent quarterback Joe Volek, the engineer of last season's three conference victories over Idaho, Eastern Washington, and Northern Arizona. Volek and the offense broke in a new controlled passing attack in '90 that brought the Bobcats out of their previous rushing-oriented mode. There were significant line breakdowns in '90 that should be more of a thing of the past this season. All five linemen return, including tackles Ken Eiden and Mark Woodcock, guards Travis Annette and John Schlee, and center Marty Milton.

Besides the dangerous Tesch at wide receiver—he had 31 receptions for 538 yards, 21 kickoff returns for 591 yards, and 10 punt returns for 130 yards in 1990 to rank 10th in the nation in all-purpose yards—returnees at the skill positions include backs Clint Bryan, a big-play type who returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown last season, and Si Ryan.

Defensively, senior linebacker Todd Graves and senior tackle Corey Widmer are the leaders. Widmer was second-team All-America in 1990, as well as the Big Sky Defensive Player of Year. He had 93 tackles and 17 sacks.



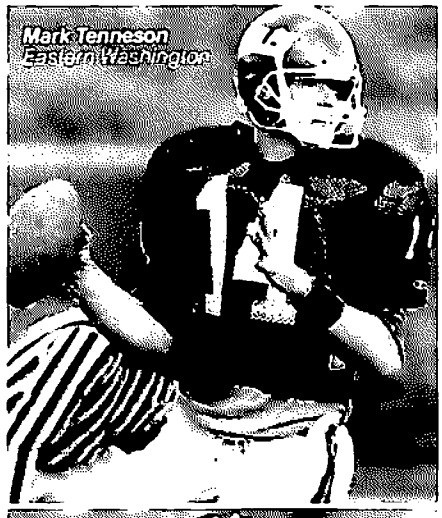
Kasey Dunn
Idaho

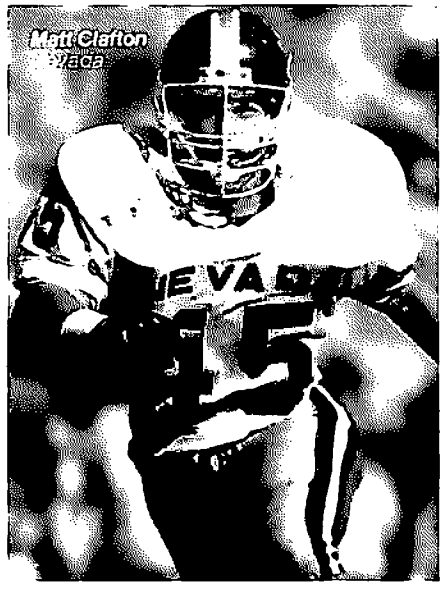
Graves won all-league honors with 155 tackles and four blocked kicks.

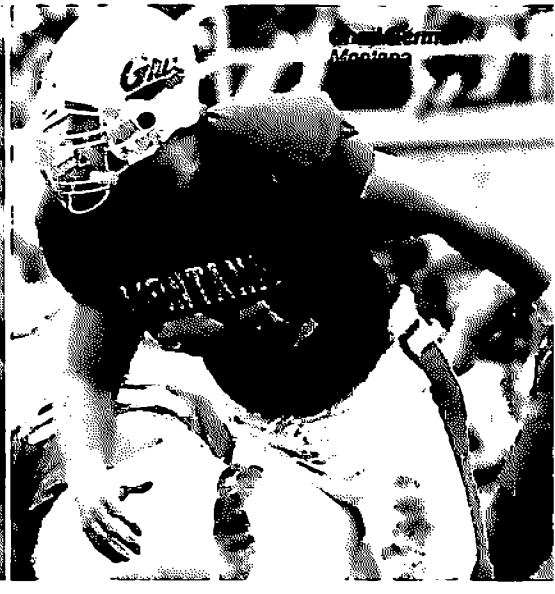
The Bobcats play three nonconference games in Bozeman for starters (against Minnesota-Duluth, Sam Houston State, and Sacramento State) before entertaining preseason Big Sky favorite Idaho in the fourth game of the year. To start the season last year, Montana State traveled to Idaho and won, 27–24.

MONTANA

Lost in the shadow in 1990 as Nevada, Idaho, and Boise State all had big years, Montana, a preseason favorite, struggled to a less than expected 4-4 Big Sky record and 7-4 overall mark. Now it's coach Don Read's task to rebuild most of his offense, which includes finding a replacement for quarterback Grady Bennett, who was drafted by the British Columbia Lions of the CFL, and to maintain a


Mark Tenneson
Eastern Washington


Matt Clafton
Nevada

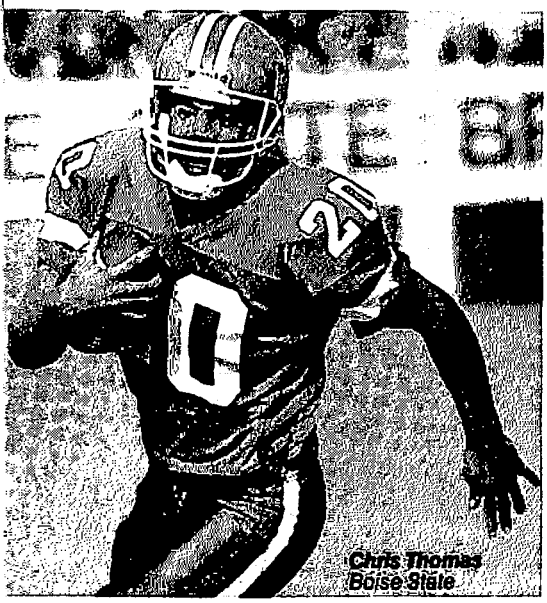


veteran defense (seven returning starters) that ranked third in the Big Sky overall in 1990 and first against the run.

Read looks forward to fielding perhaps the best defensive line he's had in six years with the Grizzlies. The experience is three-deep at most spots. Gregg Smerker, Nels Kludt, and Kirk Murphy are returning starters. Free safety Sean Dorris, after an 83-tackle season, is the leader of the secondary.

Three-year starter Chad Germer at center anchors an offensive line that, unlike the rest of the offense, is experienced. That's good news for Brad Lebo, the quarterback who will take Bennett's place. Lebo, a third-year sophomore, remained in Bennett's shadow for two seasons and didn't play much. Read calls him "the most experienced inexperienced quarterback around." Marc Monestime returns as the team rushing leader (460 yards in 110 attempts), and is flanked by fellow starter Tony Rice. All-purpose threat Shannon Cabunoc, a 5-foot-5 wide receiver, has big-play capability. He gained 1,313 total yards last season.

The questions for the Grizzlies are whether they can rebound quickly after a lot of key personnel losses, whether they can shake off a relatively disappointing season, and whether they can play well on the road in early games against perennial I-AA powers Louisiana Tech and McNeese State. They do play Boise State and Nevada at home, which is a plus, and their games against archrival Montana State and league favorites Nevada and Idaho aren't until the end of the season, giving the new team a chance to round into form.



Chris Thomas
Boise State

EASTERN WASHINGTON

Eastern Washington could be looking at its first upper-division finish since it joined the Big Sky Conference in 1987. The Eagles have finished eighth, eighth, fifth, and fifth, which suggests improvement. Now, coach Dick Zornes, whose lifetime record at EWU is 70-53-2, has 17 returning starters (second only to Montana State), his top three rushers back, and his top six receivers. Curiously, in spite of all this incumbency, the Eagles are nonetheless rebuilding the bulk of both their offensive and defensive lines. The success of these rebuilding projects should have a lot of say in how well the Eagles finish the season.

One offensive lineman who is back is tackle Kevin Sargent, a second-team All-America selection a year ago. Center Jimmy Schmidt looks strong as a new player, and he'll be hiking to quarterback Mark Tenneson, back for his junior year after splitting time with the departed Scott Stuart. Flanker John Balmer (31 receptions, 399 yards) will be a chief target, along with tight end Tony Lenseigne, the Big Sky's first-team tight end in 1990. At running back is sophomore Harold Wright, after an 836-yard season and Big Sky Newcomer of the Year honors, alongside Tim Mitchell.

On defense, cornerback Kurt Schulz is at the heart of things, flanked by a full backfield of starters that includes strong safety Bryan Boesel, free safety Robert Puller, and cornerback Jackie Kellogg. Two touted juco transfers, Tommy Williams and Derek Hart, could move aside some of the starters, however. Tackle Adam Kanouse (278) is the anchor of the line. The Eagles' challenge is to shore up a defensive platoon that ranked seventh overall in the Big Sky and eighth against the pass.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Coach Steve Axman comes into his second season with the Lumberjacks after putting the league on notice that there will be little transition in Flagstaff because of a new regime. Axman's 1990 team, while predicted to finish in the basement, won three league games and went 5-6 overall.

Now, with 14 starters returning, including quarterback John Bonds and wide receiver Hendricks Johnson, NAU is labeled at least legitimate, if not a first-division finalist. On paper, the Lumberjacks aren't in bad shape at all. Johnson alone makes them formidable. He barged onto the Big Sky scene last year as a junior-college transfer by racking up 1,091 receiving yards (second only to Idaho's Kasey Dunn), a nation-high 11 touchdowns, and setting a school record with 18.5 yards per catch. He ended the season with eight straight 100-yard receiving games, the second-longest such streak in I-AA history (exceeded only by Mississippi Valley's Jerry Rice, who had 12). Besides Bonds, who had 24 touchdowns and 3,039 yards as a sophomore (and 24 interceptions), the backfield returns halfback Charles McKinzie and tailback Gerald Robinson, the rushing leader.

End David Musselman heads the defense, along with three returning starters at linebacker and in the secondary. While the seven returnees signify experience, a more sobering note is that NAU's defense ranked last in the Big Sky in 1990, giving up an average of 468.2 yards per game and yielding 48 touchdowns.

Offensively, NAU ranked only sixth overall in the Big Sky in 1990. But what the Lumberjacks lacked in statistics they made up for with an ability to win close games. Four of their five victories were by seven points or less. Their losses, on the other hand, included just one seven-pointer. The others were by 20, 33, 34, 41, and 45 points.

WEBER STATE

It's rare to project a low second-division finish for a team with perhaps the best quarterback in I-AA. But just because the Wildcats have first-team All-America Jamie Martin doesn't cover up a defense that has just two returning starters, and an offense decimated by personnel losses on the line.

Martin, a 6-4, 210-pounder from California, came into his own as a junior. He finished second in the Walter Payton Trophy balloting, signifying I-AA's Player of the Year, after a season that saw him throw for 3,700 yards and 23 touchdowns with just 15 interceptions. His quarterback rating of 143.2 ranked sixth in the country and his total offense of 337.5 yards per game ranked No. 1. His yards-per-play average was 7.31. As a result, Weber vaulted to the top of the Big Sky in total offense and passing as well as No. 1 in the nation in passing. Along the way, the Wildcats improved coach Dave Arslanian's record after an opening 3-8 season in '89. They went 3-5 in the league and 5-6 overall.

With Martin back, a potent offense is again possible. Although Martin's favorite target from a year ago, Rick Justice, is gone, tight end Trevor Shaw, who caught 65 passes, is back, as is wide receiver Jon Fuller, who had 28 catches. Also, running back Geoff Mitchell, with 334 yards in '90, returns. On the line, tackle Bruce Covernton (290) is coming off an all-Big Sky and honorable mention All-America season. If Covernton and Russ Henrie, the other returning starter on the line, can round the newcomers around them into shape quickly, Martin could have decent protection.

Defensively, there will be new faces virtually everywhere. With its junior-college transfers not arriving until fall, Weber could have a number of different defensive lineups in the early part of the season. The opening game, at Air Force, will be against a strong I-A program with a veteran secondary. After that, however, the schedule eases up, with four of the next five games at home. Nonconference opponents, in addition to Air Force, include less than formidable Southern Utah University and New Mexico Highlands.

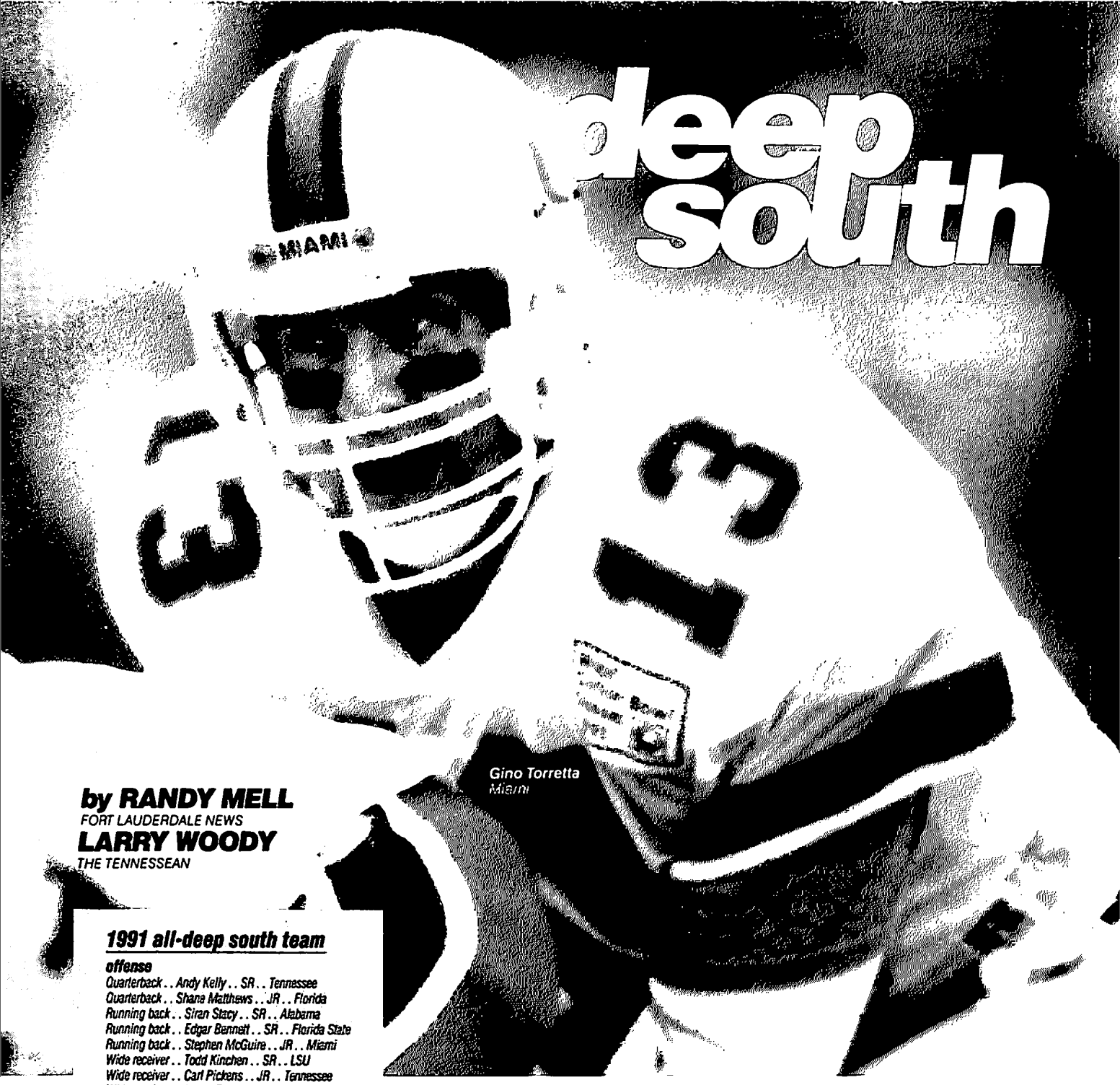
IDAHO STATE

One of the largest offensive lines in I-AA is the biggest cause for optimism in Pocatello. If Derek Farr (275), Reed Payne (285), Marcus Toliver (300), Todd Blackwell (275), and Tom Hebert (250)—grand total of 1,385 pounds—get ornery enough, maybe the offense of the Bengals can stay on the field long enough this season to win more shootouts than it loses.

In coach Garth Hall's three years to date, the Bengals haven't been prolific enough offensively to overcome their defensive problems, or lucky enough to win the close games (three more losses by less than a touchdown each in 1990). They're 6-26 in that span, with a ninth-place, a seventh-place, and a ninth-place Big Sky finish. They'll have a new quarterback in Trevor Cavanaugh, taking over from long-time starter Jason Whitmer, maybe the best 6-26 quarterback in history. Last year, Whitmer directed an offense that ranked 25th in I-AA and 11th in passing. The problem was on the other side of the line, where ISU's defense gave up 435 yards and 32.6 points per game. Double tight-end returnees—who often play together—Pete Molino and Ted Oparnico should be offensive weapons.

The defense has seven returning starters, but most positions are not guaranteed, with the exception perhaps at one of the ends, where Lance Nazel, a second-team all-league selection, is a mainstay. Kicker Darren Goodman was honorable mention All-America in 1990. He ranked third in I-AA with 1.8 field goals per game, hitting 20 of 28. □

deep south



Gino Torretta
Miami

by RANDY MELL
FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS
LARRY WOODY
THE TENNESSEAN

1991 all-deep south team

offense

Quarterback.. Andy Kelly.. SR.. Tennessee
Quarterback.. Shane Matthews.. JR.. Florida
Running back.. Siran Stacy.. SR.. Alabama
Running back.. Edgar Bennett.. SR.. Florida State
Running back.. Stephen McGuire.. JR.. Miami
Wide receiver.. Todd Kinchen.. SR.. LSU
Wide receiver.. Carl Pickens.. JR.. Tennessee
Wide receiver.. Lamar Thomas.. JR.. Miami
Line.. Greg Lahr.. SR.. Kentucky
Line.. Everett Lindsay.. JR.. Mississippi
Line.. Leon Searcy.. SR.. Miami
Line.. Cal Dixon.. SR.. Florida
Line.. Chris Ryals.. SR.. Southern Mississippi
Place-kicker.. Carlos Huerta.. SR.. Miami

defense

Line.. Marc Boutte.. SR.. LSU
Line.. Walter Tate.. JR.. Auburn
Line.. Joey Couch.. SR.. Kentucky
Linebacker.. Marvin Jones.. SO.. Florida State
Linebacker.. John Sullins.. SR.. Alabama
Linebacker.. Darrin Smith.. JR.. Miami
Linebacker.. Earnest Fields.. SR.. Tennessee
Back.. Will White.. JR.. Florida
Back.. Terrell Buckley.. JR.. Florida State
Back.. Dale Carter.. SR.. Tennessee
Back.. Ray Buchanan.. JR.. Louisville
Punter.. David Lawrence.. JR.. Vanderbilt

A new era dawns in the Sunshine State this fall as Miami and Florida State shed their independence to join the conference ranks. Miami will aim to make the Big East bigger while Florida State plans to improve the Atlantic Coast Conference's growing football reputation.

Though conference titles will be nice, expect the Hurricanes and Seminoles to focus on that all-important state championship. Usually, the state champ has something to say about the national championship. This year's November 16 showdown at Tallahassee opens November Madness in Florida. The 'Canes meet the 'Noles that day. Two weeks later, the Florida Gators host the 'Noles.

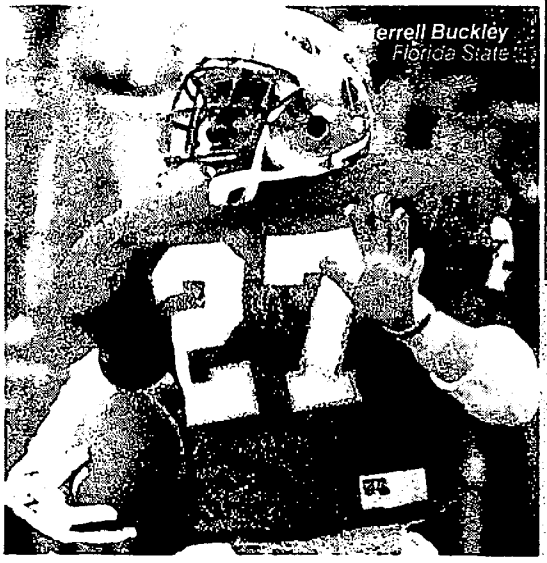
The Miami-FSU showdown promises to be as big as ever. This once gentlemanly rivalry grows more emotional and important each year. The last time Miami visited Doak Campbell Stadium, the 'Canes tried to stop the Seminole mascot from riding his horse to midfield and spiking a flaming spear in a traditional pregame ceremony. A brawl nearly broke out before the kickoff but FSU prevailed, 24–10. Last year, FSU cornerback Terrell Buckley questioned quarterback Craig Erickson's status as a Heisman candidate and FSU linebacker Kirk Carruthers called Erickson "average." It angered the 'Canes. Even coach Dennis Erickson was especially emotional. He leaped into his quarterback's arms after Craig lobbed a touchdown pass over Buckley's head. Miami's quarterback was heard muttering "Average? . . . Average?" as he left the field. Miami got its revenge, 31–22, and scuffled with the 'Noles as the final seconds ticked off the Orange Bowl clock.

Miami is going for its sixth consecutive top five finish this year. The 'Noles bid for their fifth straight. Still, Miami hasn't finished lower than No. 3 since 1985. FSU hasn't finished ahead of Miami in that time. The rivalry carries some extra baggage this year. The 'Canes officially begin representing the Big East this fall. Conference officials are aiming at round-robin schedules by 1995 or '96 and were busy this summer looking for a bowl tie-in. The 'Noles begin conference play in 1993 or '94.

This could be the year of the Gator Get-Back in the Southeastern Conference. Last year, even though the University of Florida finished with the best record (6-1) in the SEC, the Gators were ineligible for the league championship as part of sanctions for past NCAA rules violations. This season, Florida has a clean slate and a determined attitude, not to mention 12 starters from last year's 9-2 season, and should be the team to beat in the typically top-heavy SEC. Seven starters are back from last fall's wide-open "Fun and Gun" attack that shattered 14 school records, including most points (35.2 per game) and passing yards (3,197) under offensive-minded coach Steve Spurrier. Also back are five starters and a wealth of experienced reserves from a Gator unit that ranked fifth in the nation in total defense.

Don't expect contenders Tennessee, Auburn, and Alabama to concede the title. Tennessee, which represented the SEC in last season's Sugar Bowl, returns 21 of 22 players from its two-deep defensive chart, along with several offensive standouts. If UT can produce a quality running back, coach Johnny Majors' Volunteers figure to be right in the thick of the fray.

Although Auburn went 8-3-1 last season, coach Pat Dye felt something was missing from the "Auburn Way" of playing. When Dye gets peeved, opponents better beware.


Terrell Buckley
Florida State

Alabama turned a horrid start into a hot finish and second-year coach Gene Stallings appears to have his feet, and program, on solid ground and ready to turn the Tide.

Georgia and LSU could be the SEC sleepers. Both programs had off seasons last fall, but there's too much tradition and support at both places for either to stay down for long. Each will be improved, and that improvement could be dramatic.

Mississippi suffered key losses, but the Rebels have had some success and coach Billy Brewer appears to have established a solid foundation. The same applies at Kentucky, where coach Bill Curry's program looks to be gaining momentum. Both Ole Miss and Kentucky, however, are dark-horse candidates in the title race.

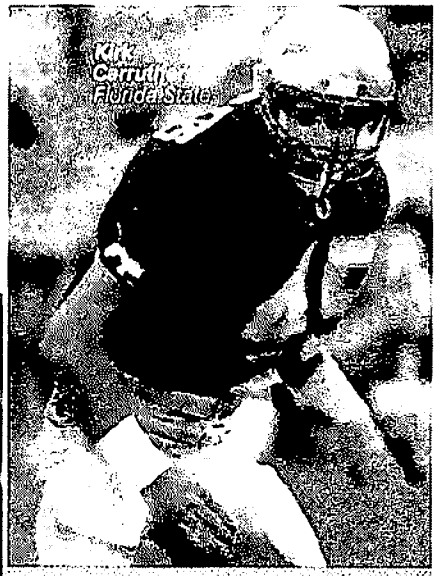
Long-suffering Mississippi State and Vanderbilt made head-coaching changes at the end of last season that could pay dividends in the future. This fall will be primarily devoted to rebuilding for the two schools.

independents

FLORIDA STATE

The last time the Seminoles were this loaded was 1988. Then they were everybody's preseason No. 1 and strutting to their own rap song and video. The tune never made the top of the charts and neither did the 'Noles. FSU was rapped, 31–0, by Miami in its opener that year. The Seminoles finished with a No. 3 ranking after winning their next 11 in a row.

Though FSU is stocked with the talent, speed, and experience needed to win a national title, don't expect to hear the 'Noles singing their own praise. Coach Bobby Bowden makes another run for that elusive first title with a strong start on his mind. "My No. 1 job is to keep heads on straight," Bowden said. "We have most of the kids back, and we have not just talent but depth. My job is to keep them hungry. No letdowns, especially early."


Kirk Carruth
Florida State

predictions

Independents
1. Florida State, 2. Miami, 3. Louisville, 4. Southern Mississippi, 5. Southwestern Louisiana, 6. Georgia Southern, 7. Tulane, 8. Memphis State, 9. Central Florida, 10. Western Kentucky, 11. Samford

southeastern conference
1. Florida, 2. Tennessee, 3. Auburn, 4. Alabama, 5. Georgia, 6. Louisiana State, 7. Mississippi, 8. Kentucky, 9. Mississippi State, 10. Vanderbilt

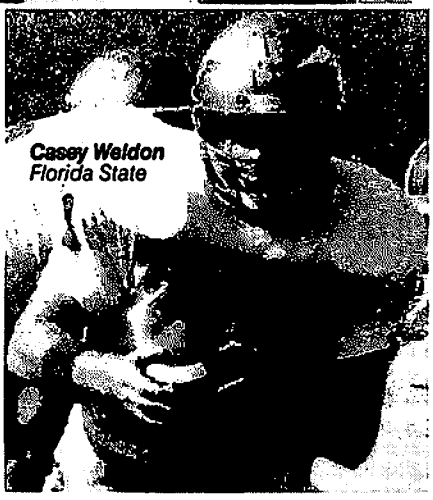
The Seminoles open a rigorous schedule against Brigham Young and giant killer Ty Detmer in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic. Detmer knocked off preseason No. 1 Miami in the 'Canes opener last year. It doesn't get much easier afterward. FSU plays Michigan, Syracuse, LSU, Louisville, South Carolina, Miami, and Florida. "You simply can't peak every week," Bowden said. "That's where you need a little luck to go along with everything else."

The 'Noles have almost everything else. They return eight starters on offense and nine on defense. The depth was so good that even All-America candidates Terrell Buckley and Marvin Jones were seriously pushed as starters. Senior quarterback Casey Weldon, who was 6-0 after winning the starting job at midseason last year, leads a balanced offense. He was third in the nation in passing efficiency wiht 112 completions in 182 attempts for 1,600 yards and 12 touchdowns with only four interceptions. Senior fullback Edgar Bennett returns as one of the nation's best and most versatile backs. The All-America candidate was FSU's second-leading receiver with 35 catches and rushed for 302 yards on 61 carries. Junior tailback Amp Lee will have his eyes on a 1,000-yard rushing season after gaining 825 a year ago. Talented sophomore Sean Jackson (7.9 yards per carry) will see much time as a backup.

The receiving corps loses All-America Lawrence Dawsey but returns Matt Frier (10-226-1) and Shannon Baker (18-242-4) with Eric Turral and Ken Knox ready to rotate in. Warren Hart and Marvin Ferrell may alternate in trying to replace standout tight end Reggie Johnson. The offensive line returns virtually intact. Tackle Kevin Mancini and guards Mike Morris and Reggie Dixon are back with center Robbie Baker. Robert Stevenson steps in as a first-year starter at tackle.

It gets even better defensively. Six of the front seven remain with three of the four defensive backs. Standout senior Kirk Carruthers

Edgar Bennett
Florida State


Casey Weldon
Florida State

returns with last year's freshman sensation Jones as inside linebackers. Jones made an impact like no other first-year player at FSU, leading the team in tackles and showing promise as an all-star. Big-play senior Howard Dinkins returns at one outside linebacker with sophomore Sterling Palmer (6-7, 260) stepping in with the promise of being another Ted Hendricks. Palmer's skills have prompted FSU coaches to consider slipping into the 4-3 defense with Palmer playing some end. Henry Ostaszewski, James Chaney, and Troy Sanders return to the interior front. Senior cornerback Buckley is back as one of the nation's best cover men (six interceptions) and punt returners (14.6). Erroll McCorvey returns at the other corner with John Davis and Leon Fowler filling the safety roles.

FSU's kicking game was unimpressive last year but returns John Wimberly (39.9) and Scottie McLaren (36.7) as punters with redshirt freshman Dan Mowrey expected to win the place-kicking job.

MIAMI

The search for a worthy heir to Quarterback U's royal line of golden arms looms as a critical challenge at Miami this fall. It's key to the Hurricanes quest to contend for another national title. The football kingdom that produced quarterbacks Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde, Steve Walsh, and Craig Erickson opens fall practice with a starter yet to be named. The duel that raged through spring resumes in August between junior Gino Torretta and sophomore Bryan Fortay.

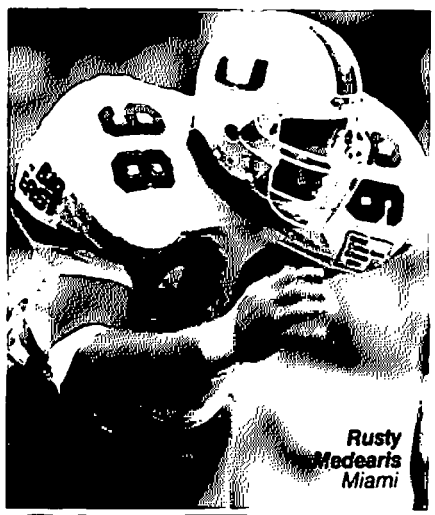
"Whoever starts will be the next great quarterback at the University of Miami," said coach Dennis Erickson, who closely guarded his assessments of the spirited duel throughout spring. "I'm sure we'll have a lot of people with opinions about who should start. That's fine. It makes it kind of fun, but the only opinion that matters is mine."

Stephen McGuire
Miami

Erickson pledges to make his choice two weeks before the season opener. Though Erickson called the position wide open entering spring practice, Torretta stepped in with the unspoken edge because of his experience. He was 3-1 as a starter when Craig Erickson was injuried during Miami's 1989 championship season and holds the school record for passing yards in a game (468). Fortay, however, was one of Miami's most celebrated recruits when he was signed out of New Jersey, and he showed much promise before breaking the middle finger of his throwing hand in the last week of spring.

The new quarterback will inherit great expectations. The 'Canes finished with a 10-2 record last year and No. 3 ranking after a 46–3 romp against Texas in the Cotton Bowl. By Miami's lofty standards, it was a mediocre year. It was the 'Canes lowest ranking since 1985 and the first time they had lost two games in the regular season since 1984. Their high-flying one-back offense, which set a school record for total offense (482.9 yards per game), will be overhauled with only four starters returning. The defense returns seven starters. UM's stiffest tests come at home against Houston and Penn State and on the road against rival Florida State.

Returning to lead the offense is junior fullback Steve McGuire (621 yards rushing), a bruising back who could be Miami's best runner since Ottis Anderson. He's out to become only the second player in Miami history to rush for 1,000 yards. Anderson did it in 1978. Sophomore Martin Patton complements McGuire with quickness. UM loses all-stars Randal Hill and Wesley Carroll and yet remains strong at receiver. Lanky junior Lamar Thomas (43-742-6) returns with a fleet-footed cast of newcomers: Darryl Spencer and Horace Copeland and sophomore Kevin Williams. The offensive line returns senior tackle Leon Searcy (6-3, 290), a candidate for All-America and Outland Trophy honors, and dependable senior guard Claude Jones. Questions abound with the rest of line and at tight end, though sophomore guard Rudy Barber shows potential.

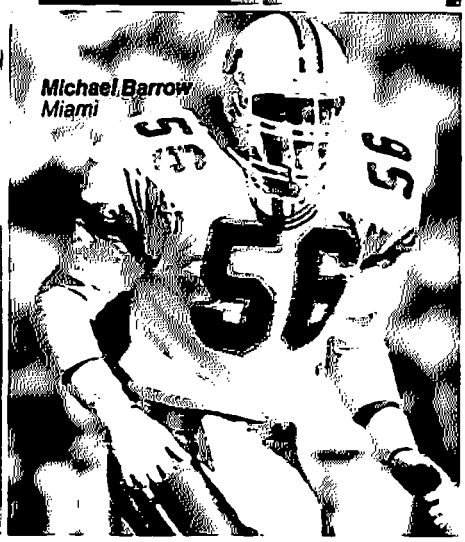


Rusty Medearis
Miami

Defensively, an all-star trio of junior linebackers returns. They could be the nation's best and swiftest unit. Outside linebackers Darrin Smith and Jessie Armstead could outrun most receivers a year ago with 40-yard dash times of 4.4. Armstead, however, is rebounding from reconstructive knee surgery that ended his season in early October. He'll be back with Micheal Barrow capably anchoring the middle. Junior free safety Darryl Williams, who reminds Miami faithful of a young Bennie Blades, returns as an All-America candidate to lead the secondary. Charles Pharms and Hurlie Brown are back to share strong safety, with Herbert James and Ryan McNeil moving in at the corners.

Miami's great void is its interior defensive line. The considerable talents of Outland Trophy winner Russell Maryland and Shane Curry are gone. Mark Caesar shows some skill at one tackle with the other likely going to sophomore Ken Lopez or Eric Miller. Anthony Hamlet returns at end with sophomore sack-masters Rusty Medearis and Kevin Patrick rotating with Hamlet.

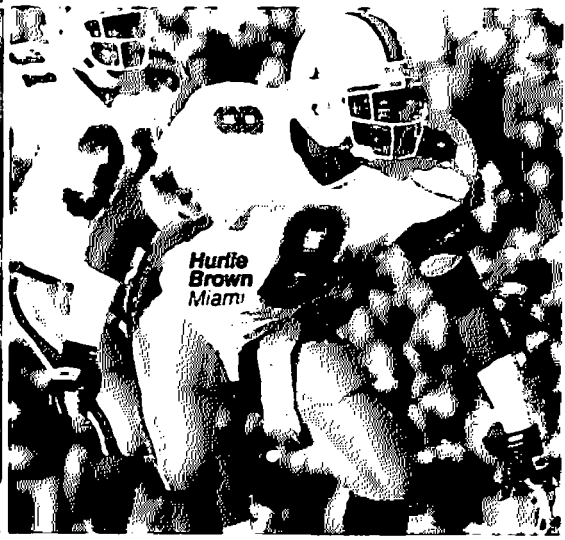
Senior place-kicker Carlos Huerta, Miami's leading career scorer, returns as one of the nation's best. Paul Snyder (36.5) is the punter.



Michael Barrow
Miami

LOUISVILLE

The days when Louisville made for a good homecoming opponent are long gone. Coach Howard Schnellenberger's lofty ambitions—a national championship in Louisville?—don't seem so outrageous anymore. Not after the Cardinals throttled Alabama, 34–7, in last season's Fiesta Bowl to finish No. 12 in the United Press International coaches poll.



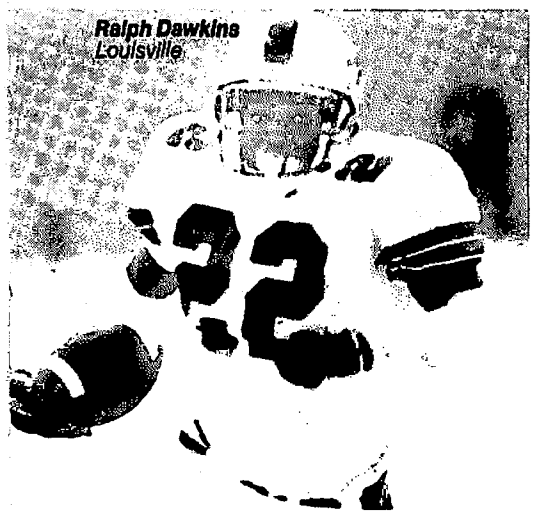
Hurlie Brown
Miami

The Cardinals (10-1-1) were soaring after the first 10-victory season in school history. With Tennessee, Ohio State, and Florida State on the schedule this year, Louisville has a chance to vault to yet another level among the nation's elite. Schnellenberger is hopeful despite losing 12 starters. "We will have greater depth, speed, and overall talent than we've ever had," Schnellenberger said. "The kids will have to learn fast, but we will continue to match up with the top teams." The Cards aim for their fourth straight winning season with stiff tests early. They host Tennessee September 5 in a Thursday night ESPN national telecast and then play at Ohio State September 14. They host FSU on November 2.

The offense will be retooled around a new quarterback. Jeff Brohm succeeds standout Browning Nagle. Louisville coaches are high on Brohm, who brings an added dimension to the pro-style attack with 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash. An all-round talent who plays professional baseball in the Cleveland Indians' organization during the summer, Brohm completed 29 of 55 passes for 482 yards with four touchdowns and four interceptions in limited action last year.

The first freshman ever to lead Louisville in rushing returns with hopes of making an even bigger mark. Ralph Dawkins is back at fullback, where he rushed for 542 yards and five touchdowns. Curtis Lipsey is back after being the second-leading rusher a year ago, with 340 yards. The top two receivers are gone, but Brohm will have one returning starter to throw to, senior flanker Fred Jones (23-400), and one familiar face, his brother, sophomore split end Greg Brohm (11-200). Tony Semak will likely start at tight end.

The offensive line shows much promise despite returning only two starters. Tackle Kevin Blumeier anchors the unit with center Carey


Ralph Dawkins
Louisville

Figg. Darryl Swafford and sophomore Dave Debold step in at guard with Billy Bosworth taking over at the other tackle.

Defensively, Louisville's front seven appears to be decimated by graduation and the loss of tackle Ted Washington. Though only one starter returns, end Brian Hayes, there's considerable experience. Young players like sophomore tackle Leonard Ray saw much action in reserve last year. Mel Mills will be at one end with Ron German at tackle. Andy Culley anchors the linebacking corps with sophomores Tom Cavallo and Ben Sumpter on the outside. The secondary, a weakness in the past, ranks as a strength with three of four starters returning. Standout junior free safety Ray Buchanan and senior cornerback and all-star candidate William Blackford are back. Ricky McFadden returns at rover with sophomore Kevin Gaines at the other corner.

Louisville's kicking game should rank among the nation's best with senior Klaus Wilmsmeyer returning as punter (42.9) and place-kicker (9 of 11 field goals).

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

The Golden Eagles soar into a new era with their "No Name" defense leading the way for first-year coach Jeff Bower. Southern Mississippi shook the old guard with a magical '90 season that helped coach Curley Hallman earn the job as Mike Archer's successor at Louisiana State. Offensive coordinator Jeff Bower, a former Golden Eagles' quarterback, was promoted to head coach before Southern Mississippi's 31–27 loss to North Carolina State in the All-America Bowl.

The season-ending loss couldn't dampen spirits in Hattiesburg. The Golden Eagles finished the regular season with an 8-3 mark that saw them upset Auburn and Alabama on the road. A field goal that caromed off the goal post in the waning seconds prevented them for knocking off Georgia in Athens in an 18–17 loss. Bower will try to conjure up the magic again without the man who waved USM's magic wand. Replacing big-play quarterback Brett Favre is a key. Bower's major task is making the offense more productive. The Golden Eagles ranked 102nd in total offense among 106 Division I-A teams last year even with Favre's clutch skills.

Still, Bower has most of the "No Name" unit back that ranked fifth in scoring defense (12.8 points per game). That defense will be tested early with USM's strongest competition coming in a four-game stretch against Pittsburgh, Colorado State, Louisville, and Auburn.

Bower inherits a solid nucleus with 14 returning starters. Redshirt freshman Eric Estes has the edge in the race to succeed Favre. Still, he's being pushed by two other redshirt freshmen: Honre Britton and Tommy Waters. Look for Southern Miss to add some option attack to complement their skills.

USM's best offensive player is senior tailback Tony Smith, also a dangerous punt and kick returner. He rushed for a team-leading 657 yards a year ago and returned two punts for touchdowns. Fullback Roland Johnson and Dwayne Nelson return. Sophomore Mark Montgomery is the leading returning receiver in a unit that lacks big-play speed. Eric Williams and Marcus Pope share tight-end duties. The offensive strength is a burly line led by a pair of all-stars and four-year starters on the right side: tackle Chris Ryals (6-8, 280) and guard Chafan Marsh (6-0, 275). Senior guard Lehman Braley is back.

The "No-Namers" figure to make names for themselves this year. The defense held opponents to 14 points or fewer eight times in '90 and returns mostly intact. Senior Arnie Williams is at inside linebacker as the backbone of the defense. He, Rod Lynch, and Thad McDowell form an all-star interior. James Singleton is a force at outside linebacker with Gerald Blake. The line is anchored by Donell Brannon and Pete Antoniou while the secondary retains safeties Gabe Peck and Brian Wood.

The kicking game is solid with Scott Bryand (38.6) back as punter and Jim Taylor as place-kicker (15 of 26 field goals).

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Southwestern Louisiana will unveil a new look in its quest to get back to its winning ways. The Ragin' Cajuns' run-and-shoot offense fired too many blanks as coach Nelson Stokley's team slumped to 5–6 last year. It was Stokley's first losing season at USL in five years. Stokley is reworking his offense. "We'll still concentrate heavily on the option, and we'll throw it as much as we always have," Stokley said. "I think we're going to be really solid." The Ragin' Cajuns will know quickly. A tough schedule sees USL, Wyoming, Arkansas, and Texas A&M in consecutive road games in September. They meet Auburn on the road in November.

USL returns 11 starters. Questions abound offensively with the quarterback job open. James Freeman started nine games last year, passing for 1,332 yards and five touchdowns and rushing for 296 yards. Still, he's being pushed by sophomore Tyjuan Hayes, who showed the knack for the big play while rushing for 371 yards, second among USL runners last year. Two newcomers compete for the tailback position: freshman Steve Mocek and Todd Thomas. Junior Damon Denaburg is back at fullback after leading the squad with 440 yards. Meanwhile, Wayde Butler moves out of the backfield to join Charlie Forman as a receiver. Butler caught a team-leading 43 passes last year. "We're going to try to get Wayde the ball in some more open-field situations," Stokley said.

USL returns size and strength to the offensive front. Extra-large senior Louis Age (6-6, 330) is at one tackle with Adam Johnson lining up beside him at guard. Roderick Tripp is back at one guard with transfer Kirk Champagne at tackle and sophomore James Sellers at center. Sophomore Buck Moncla will start at tight end.

Defensively, the Ragin' Cajuns have a strong nucleus of three leaders to retool around. James Atkins anchors the line with William Sims back at linebacker and Donald Collins at cornerback. Nose guard Terrance Matthews and linebacker Jonas Francois also return to prominent roles.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Tim Stowers answered the challenge of succeeding the legendary Erk Russell at Georgia Southern by winning a national championship. When the Eagles defeated Nevada, 36–13, Stowers became the first coach in I-AA history to win the title in his first season.

Stowers, 33, continues to build on what Russell created. The Eagles are dominating I-AA the way the Packers and Steelers used to rule the NFL. Georgia Southern bids for its third title in a row and fifth in the last seven years with 15 returning starters who helped the Eagles to a 12–3 record.

"I said it last year," Stowers said. "It's hard to be hungry on a full stomach. Our defense will have to carry us again until we solve our quarterback and fullback situations."

The No. 1 challenge of spring was finding successors to quarterback Raymond Gross (44-8 as a starter) and All-America fullback Joe Ross (1,131 yards). The Eagles open fall with the quarterback job wide open. Albert

Huntley, Derrick McGrady, and freshman Charles Bostick are competing. Lester Efford (102-456-2) takes over for Ross with Darryl Hopkins (40-422-4) at slotback. Terrance Sorrell (29-673-5) returns at receiver with Deryl Belser (26-467-2). The line retains four starters and features tackle Rex Nottage.

Defensively, a trio of All-America candidates leads the way. End Steve Bussoletti anchors the line with a knack for getting to the quarterback. He had 11 sacks last year. Cornerbacks Rodney Oglesby and Kevin Whitley are the strength of the secondary. Oglesby needs one interception to tie the school career record of 12.

TULANE

Tulane coach Greg Davis begins his fourth year with a stable of talented skill-position players returning, but the quest for his first winning season rests on finding a quarterback to open the gates. The Green Wave struggled to a 4-7 mark last year but flashed the promise of a better future late in the season. They upset bowl-bound Syracuse, 26–24, and nearly upset rival Louisiana State before losing, 16–13. The effort took some of the sting out of a five-game losing streak.

Soph Billy Duncan worked at quarterback this spring with Jerome Woods and redshirt freshman Paul Jeffords also vying. Returning to help them are last year's top six rushers and three of the four leading receivers. Five starters were expected to return to an offense led by what the Tulane sports information office hoped to bill as "Thunder and Lightning." Fullback Chance Miller provided the boom last year with a team-leading 805 yards rushing while Terrance Strickland provided the flash with 1,259 all-purpose yards. A spring mishap, however, ruined that formula. Strickland injured his knee and underwent reconstructive surgery. He will miss the season. That opens the door for talented junior backup Harold Dennis. Jerry Ursin (44-548-3) returns as the leading receiver. His cousin, sophomore Will Ursin, and Steve Ballard step into the other receiver spot. The offensive line rebuilds around its strength, senior center Charles Herrman, (6-3, 240). Sam Atkins returns at tackle. Brian Estep and sophomore Reggie Davis will start at guards with sophomore Brant Byrd moving in at a tackle.

The remaking of the defense into a standard 4-3 scheme with a pair of inside linebackers focuses on rebuilding that linebacking corps. Davis's first step in filling it was moving Ray Benford from end to middle linebacker. Sophomore Shane Wiegand will be the weakside linebacker. Sophomore Ruffin Hamilton starts on the strong side. The line features two returning starters: tackle Ronnie Clement and end Michael Batiste. Kevin Jantschek will start at the other tackle with Darren McGowan at the other end. The secondary returns its leader, junior Mark Thornhill at one safety. Freshman Mike Staid and Jon Paul Martin compete for the other safety. Rod McDowell and sophomore Wilbert Gilmore vie at one corner with soph Brandon Hamilton at the other corner. Clark handles the punting (38.1) with Gary Butler (7 of 12 field goals) looking to improve at place-kicker.

MEMPHIS STATE

Third-year coach Chuck Stobart looks ready to make the big leap in the rebuilding program at Memphis State. He was thrust into a mess just a month before the 1989 season when he was hired to replace Charlie Bailey, who resigned amid an NCAA investigation. Stobart struggled to 2–9, improving last year to 4-6-1. He returns a young but veteran cast of eight starters on offense and six on defense.

Quarterback Keith Benton, who led the team in rushing last year with 612 yards, returns as a senior. He threw for 1,265 yards with seven touchdowns and 11 interceptions in 1990. Leon Bosby (156-589-4) is back at fullback with sophomore Larry Porter (114-468-9) at tailback. Russell Copeland (33-684-4) is an all-star receiving candidate. The line returns center Larry Bolton and guards Joe Stanley and James Maclin.

The defense is solid up front with ends Kevin Jordan and Jeff Sawyer, tackle Chris Hobbs, and nose guard Pat Jansen. Mike Davis anchors the linebacking corps with sophomore Jeremy Williams providing stability in the secondary at free safety.

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Central Florida jumped boldly from Division II to I-AA last year and enjoyed immediate success with a playoff berth. It didn't end there. The Knights knocked off Youngstown State and William & Mary before losing to eventual I-AA champion Georgia Southern in the semifinals. Coach Gene McDowell's Knights hope to improve upon last year's 10–4 overall mark with another action-packed offense. UCF scored 31.7 points per game.

The offense revolves around senior quarterback Ron Johnson. He threw for 1,319 yards, completing 62 percent of his passes with 11 touchdowns. Still, only one starter in the line returns, tackle Alex Goforth. Gone is the leading rusher, Mark Giacone, the only Central Florida back ever to rush for 1,000 yards. Also gone are the top two receivers, Sean Beckton and Shawn Jefferson. Promising junior Willie English returns after rushing for 751 yards and a team-leading 13 touchdowns. Sophomore Pat Stewart also returns to the backfield with redshirt freshman David Rhodes expected to be the top receiver.

Defensively, a pair of All-America linebacker candidates lead the way. Bob Spitulski had a team-high 13 sacks a year ago. Rick Hamilton led the squad in tackles. Tackle Bob Knott figures to provide help.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

The Hilltoppers will be looking to shake the miserable memories of last year's tumble to 2–8 and rekindle memories of their playoff days. After opening the 1990 season with a pair of victories, Western Kentucky lost eight straight in a stretch that was among the nation's toughest I-AA schedules. The Hilltoppers look to rebound and return to the playoffs for the first time since 1988.

A cast of 15 returning starters promises better things to come. Still, a major question looms with fall opening. Who will replace quarterback Scott Campbell? Coach Jack Harbaugh will choose between a pro-style passer and an option quarterback. Brian Browning, a drop-back passer, looked good in the spring but is being pushed by a pair of option quarterbacks: freshman Jarius Malcome and sophomore Eddie Thompson.

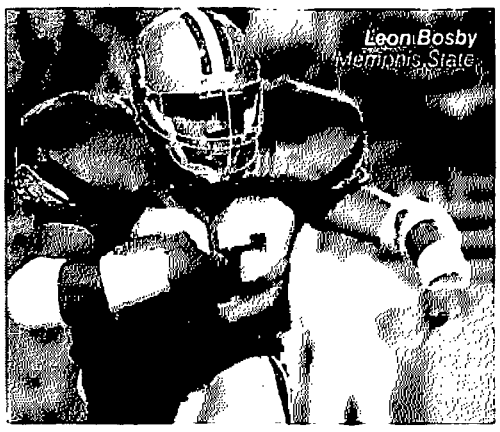
The line should be a strength with four senior starters back. All-America candidate Guy Earle (6–5, 275) and Max Woods are at tackles with guards David Browning and Robert Tyler. Herb Davis (140-657) should enjoy running behind that line. He had two 100-yard games a year ago as a backup. The receiving corps is led by Dwayne Haun (31-459-3) and tight end Milton Biggins.

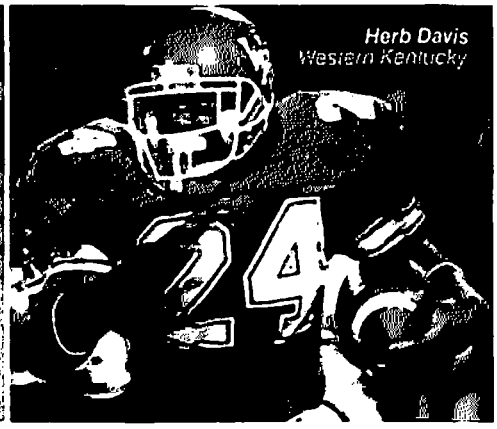
Defensively, a pair of senior All-America candidates lead the way: tackle Brian Canoy (6–3, 260) and end Anthony Cooper (6–6, 245). Three other seniors are key: nose guard Tony Garner, end Richard Grice, and free safety Larry Harris. Strong safety Joe Lee Johnson is the top returning tackler.

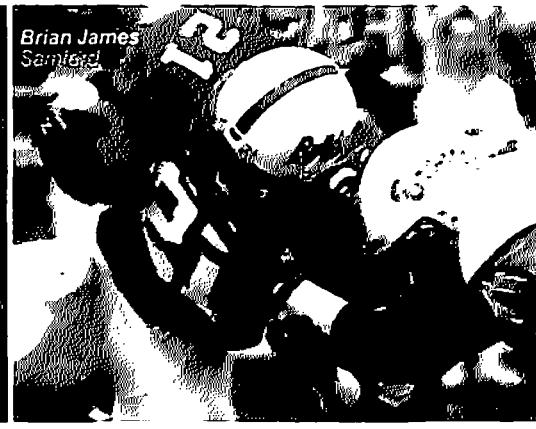
Steve Donisi returns as the place-kicker (11 of 17 field goals).

SAMFORD

The Bulldogs will be looking to unleash a more wide-open offense as coach Terry Bowden bids for a second straight winning season with


Leon Bosby
Memphis State


Herb Davis
Western Kentucky


Brian James
Samford

18 starters returning. Samford improved to 6–4–1 last year, its first winning campaign since jumping to Division I-AA four year ago. Still, the challenge comes in six road games.

Sophomore quarterback Ben Wiggins, a backup who threw for 657 yards last year, will be looking for a pair of all-star receivers. Brian James caught 46 passes for 963 yards and six touchdowns as a deep threat. J.C. Roper had 36 catches as a possession receiver. Senior tackle Chip Money (6–4, 263) may be the offense's best player.

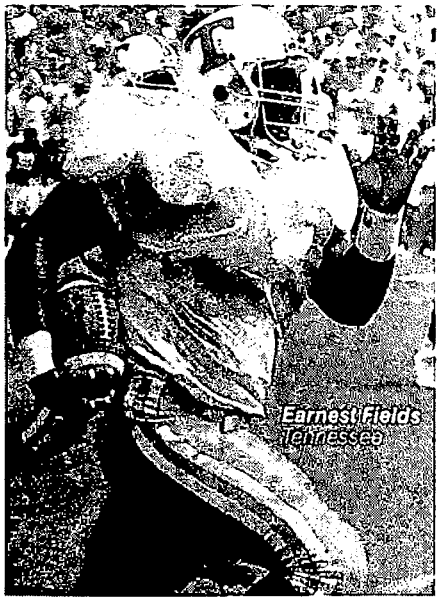
Defensively, nose guard Charles Buford anchors the front with Ollie Sanders and Henry Thomas teaming with sophomore Tory James as a formidable linebacker corps. Cornerback David Primus leads the secondary.

southeastern conference

FLORIDA

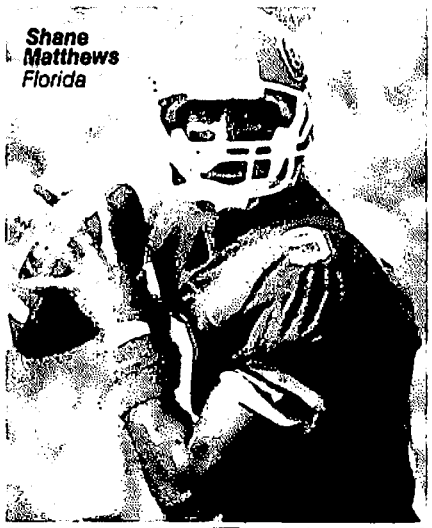
Optimism is bubbling, in the wake of last season's 9-2 record and 6-1 SEC finish, with 12 starters returning: seven on offense and five on defense. "We need to continue to improve as a team and to develop the depth you need to compete week after week against the schedule we play," said coach Steve Spurrier, in his second season at his alma mater.

The Gators' offense figures to be explosive again. Last season, Florida averaged 452.6 yards per game in total offense, the best in school history and 10th-best in the nation. The Gators also set single-season records for

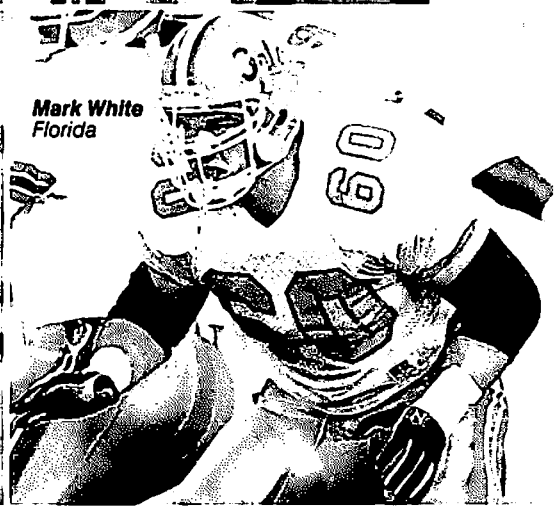

Earnest Fields
Tennessee

points per game (35.2) and passing yards (3,197). They averaged 290 yards passing per game, the third-best single-season total in SEC history and ninth-best in the nation. Back at the controls is junior quarterback Shane Matthews, named the SEC Player of the Year by various publications. Matthews threw for 2,952 yards, best in school history and second-best in SEC history.

Also returning is the complete running-back corps, paced by senior Willie McClendon and Errict Rhett. McClendon rushed for 613 yards and seven touchdowns while Rhett, a member of the SEC all-freshman team, led the Gators with 845 yards and four touchdowns. Both can also catch the ball: McClendon had 27


Shane Matthews
Florida

Will White
Florida


Mark White
Florida

receptions, Rhett 22. At fullback, senior Dexter McNabb will battle for a starting job with sophomore Kelvin Randolph. Florida lost its top three receivers but has an impressive array of replacements in tight ends Greg Keller and Terrell Jackson, while Tre Everett leads a long list of wideout candidates. Four starters are back in the offensive line, headed by all-SEC center Cal Dixon and standout tackle Mark White. They'll be rejoined by guard Hesham Ismail and tackle Tony Rowell.

Defensively, Florida returns standouts Brad Culpepper and Mike Brandon in the line and senior Tim Paulk at inside linebacker. Ephesians Bartley returns at outside linebacker, where he recorded 65 tackles last season. Cornerbacks include Del Speer and free safety is nailed down by junior Will White, who ranked second in the nation last year in interceptions, with seven.

Arden Czyzewski will handle the place-kicking duties. He also did some punting last season, but highly touted signee Shayne Edge is expected to assume that responsibility.

TENNESSEE

The Vols return a nearly intact defense along with some key offensive stars from last season's SEC co-champions, and coach Johnny Majors' team could find itself back in the thick of the chase again. "We lose some great players," said Majors, "but we also get some great ones back. We have the ability to challenge for another championship."

Errict Rhett
Florida

There is reason for optimism, as UT returns 21 of 22 two-deep players on a defense that ranked seventh nationally last season. One of the most dominant defenders figures to be senior free safety Dale Carter, who was also a standout kick returner. Cornerback Jeremy Lincoln, a big-play specialist, adds to a powerful secondary. Earnest Fields, Darryl Hardy, and Shon Walker were the top three tacklers, continuing Tennessee's legendary linebacker tradition. Chris Mims and Chuck Smith bring strength and quickness to defensive end.

Tackles Carey Bailey and Tom Fuhler will battle with Shazzon Bradley.

Offensively, UT can trot out two of the most exciting players in the SEC in quarterback Andy Kelly and receiver Carl Pickens. Kelly, a 6-3, 211-pound senior, completed 59 percent of his passes last season. He earned a reputation for pulling games out of the fire, epitomized by a desperately dramatic drive that resulted in a 23–22 Sugar Bowl victory over Virginia with less than two minutes to play. Kelly couldn't have a more reliable target than Pickens, who caught 53 passes for 917 yards and six touchdowns.

The Vols have to plug numerous backfield holes, the most notable left by Chuck Webb. Injured early last season, Webb would have been a Heisman Trophy candidate this season but opted instead to skip to the pros. Also gone is all-SEC tailback Tony Thompson. Tavio Henson and Tracy Smith must prove themselves at tailback, as must Kenneth Campbell at fullback. The offensive line was hard hit by graduation but retains center John Fisher, an all-conference prospect, along with veteran guard Tom Myslinski. Von Reeves and Mark Adams will likely split time at tight end.

Joey Chapman, whose 41.9-yard average made him all-SEC, is back as punter. He'll also challenge for the place-kicking job.

AUBURN

The Tigers return 53 lettermen from last year's 8-3-1 squad, including 11 starters. Coach Pat Dye said he is "looking at changing our defense and changing our defensive personality a little bit. We need to be a more aggressive, penetrating-type defense that will be able to create a better pass rush and still be able to stop the run."

Stan White, who started every game as a true freshman, will be back at the controls this fall. White completed 180 of 338 passes for 2,242 yards and 14 touchdowns. The passing total ranks sixth on Auburn's career list and was the third-best single-season performance in school history. White has an experienced line to operate behind: center Bob Meeks, guard Tim Tillman, and tackle Chris Gray. Tight end Victor Hall is also a returning starter.

Challenging for the tailback job will be Alex Smith and Darrell Williams. Among the fullback candidates are Teapot Brown, Reid McMillion, Chad Muilenburg, and Tony Richardson. Among the Tigers' wide-receiver prospects are Herbert Casey, Pedro Cherry, and Melvin Hines.

Defensively, starting linebackers Jason Merchant, Reggie Barlow, Darrell Crawford, and James Willis are all back, along with nose guard Walter Tate and cornerback Corey Barlow. Tate (6-2, 306) was one of the team's top tacklers, with 72, including 42 solos. Line help could come from Richard Shea and Jon Wilson. In the secondary, Barlow will team with Chris Jones, Clarence Morton, Corey Lewis, and Michale Pina. Lewis could also find himself in the quarterback picture.

Jim von Wyl will be back to handle place-kicking duties. Dye has made improving the kicking game one of his top priorities this fall. "Of all the parts of our football team last year, the kicking game has to stand out in my mind as the biggest problem we had," he said.

ALABAMA

Coming up with a quarterback ranks at the top of coach Gene Stallings' wish list, with the job apparently up for grabs between senior Danny Woodson and redshirt freshman Jay Barker. Woodson, who saw no varsity action as a freshman or sophomore, last season completed 11 passes for 66 yards and ran 21 times for 96 yards as a backup to two-year starter Gary Hollingsworth. "Finding a quarterback and replacing the right side of our line is our most pressing issue," said Stallings, who turned a slow start (0-3) into a strong finish (7-5) in his first season at his alma mater.

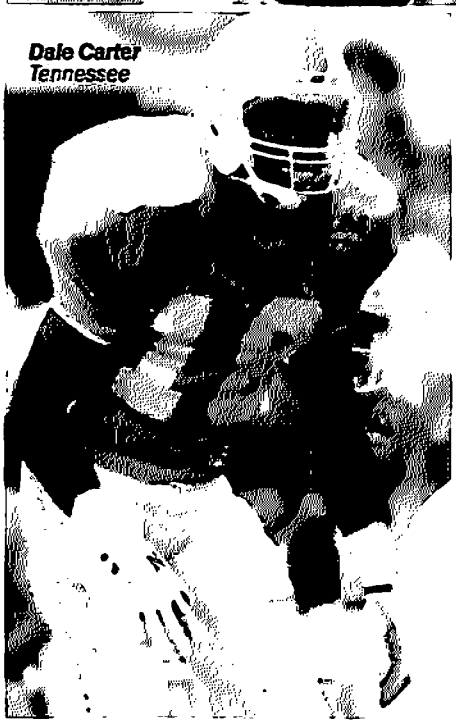
Andy Kelly
Tennessee

Bob Meeks
Auburn

Stan White
Auburn

Carl Pickens
Tennessee

Walter Tate
Auburn


Dale Carter
Tennessee

Whoever wins the quarterback sweepstakes will inherit a well-stocked backfield. Running back Chris Anderson and fullback Kevin Turner are returning starters, with a wealth of proven backups at both positions. Heading the list is Siran Stacy, an all-conference performer two years ago who was injured last season, and Tarrant Lynch. Although the offensive line was hard hit by graduation, the Tide gets back two solid performers in tackle Matt Hammond and guard William Barger. Alabama is deep and proven at receiver, where the injured Prince Wimbley and Craig Sanderson will rejoin starting tight end Steve Busky and flanker Donnie Finkley.

The strength of the Crimson Tide should once again be its defense, which returns seven starters from the unit that was ranked in the top six in four NCAA categories. Nose guard Robert Stewart will anchor the line, while all three starting linebackers are back: Steve Webb, John Sullins, and Derrick Oden. Sullins and Oden were the top tacklers. Bama has quality depth at linebacker, starting with Antonio London, Byron Sneed, and Chris Cochran. Three starters are back in the secondary: corners George Teague and Mark McMillian and strong safety Stacy Harrison.

Punter Tank Williamson, who averaged 39.9 yards per kick, returns for his final year. A replacement must be found for All-America place-kicker Phillip Doyle. Alabama will play on a new natural turf in Bryant-Denny Stadium this season.

GEORGIA

Coach Ray Goff believes his luck has only one way to go this season: up. Last year, between spring and the first game, the Bulldogs lost nine defensive linemen, a starting receiver, linebacker, and two safeties. Now, after three good recruiting seasons, Goff believes some positive results are at hand.

Three quarterbacks who all have starting experience will contend for the job: Greg Talley, Preston Jones, and sophomore Joe Dupree, who was listed at the top of the depth chart entering spring practice. SEC Freshman of the Year Andre Hastings is back at wide receiver, along with senior flanker Kevin Maxwell. Arthur Marshall, who missed last season with a leg injury, brings quality depth to wide receiver. All-freshman Shannon Mitchell lines up at tight end.

The Dawgs' top two rushers return, in soph Garrison Hearst and Larry Ware. They combined for over 1,300 yards last season. Mack Strong will carry the load at fullback, but a reliable backup must be found. The line finds Jack Swan and Russell DeFoor competing at center. LeMonte Tellis is back at guard and Bill Rosenberg and Alec Millen at tackle.

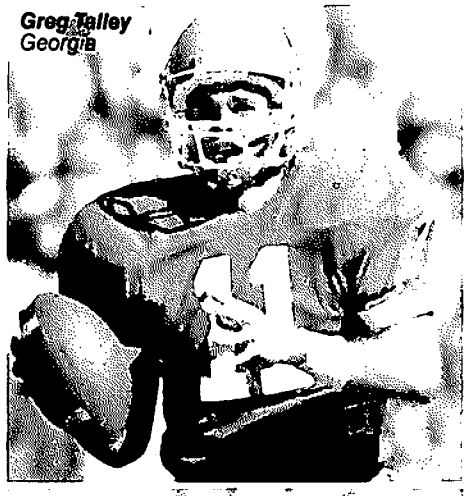
Defensively, the line is bolstered by tackles Eric Coney, Willie Jennings, and Mike Steele. The outside linebacker corps is largely untested. Mitch Davis, a sophomore who came on strong near the end of the season, and Greg Jackson, who started four games, must come through. All five inside linebackers return, led by seniors DeWayne Simmons and John Allen. Simmons made 100 tackles last season. All four starters are back in the secondary, but the key could be the return of strong safety David Hargett, a two-year starter who missed last season with a broken leg.

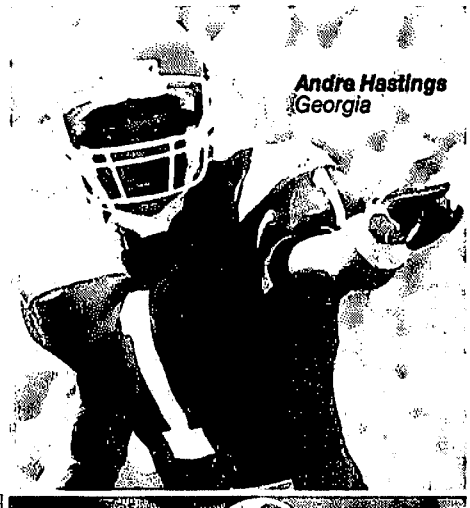
Scot Armstrong will handle the punting, while the place-kicking job is wide open.

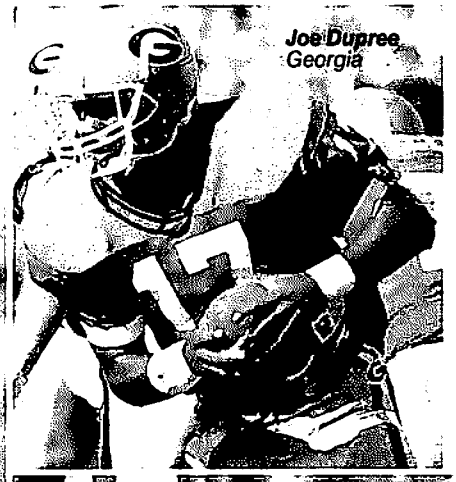
LOUISIANA STATE

New Tigers' coach Curley Hallman takes over an experienced team that returns all 11 defensive starters, nine offensive starters, and the starting punter and place-kicker.

Chad Loup, a sophomore quarterback who started six of 11 games last season and saw action in four others, will draw on that experience to contend for the starting job this fall. Loup hit 75 of 141 passes for 975 yards and three touchdowns with four interceptions. Whoever quarterbacks the Tigers is assured of some tempting targets. Split end Todd Kinchen, who was leading the league in receiving


Greg Talley
Georgia

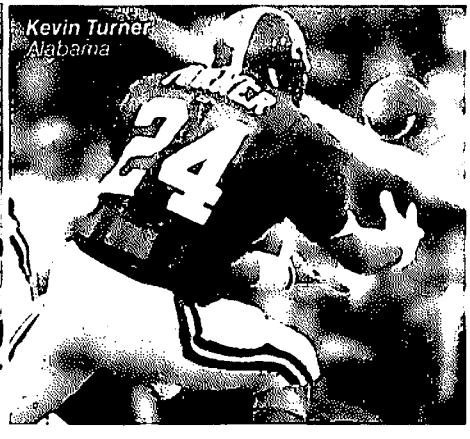

Andre Hastings
Georgia


Joe Dupree
Georgia

Siran Stacy
Alabama

Robert Stewart
Alabama

Alabama


Kevin Turner
Alabama

before a broken collarbone kept him sidelined the final three games, is back and healthy. Sophomore flanker Marcus Carter, who became the team's primary receiver after Kinchen's exit, caught 24 passes, four for TDs.

Finding a backfield replacement for tailback Harvey Williams would appear to be LSU's main offensive concern, but the team is well-stocked with runners. Fullback Sammy Seamster returns, along with lettermen Derek Pope, Darrell Williams, and Germaine Williams. With the exception of center, the entire offensive line is intact: tackles Kevin Mawae and Andy Martin, guards Darron Landry and Frank Godfrey, and tight end Harold Bishop all were starters at the end of the season.

Senior nose guard Scott Wharton, who has started 29 of the last 31 games, anchors the defensive line. The Tigers also field two powerful tackles in John Morgan (6-5, 270) and Marc Boutte (6-4, 260), who recorded 51 solo tackles last season and six quarterback sacks. A pair of outside linebackers, Roovelroe Swan and Mike Hewitt, are coming off a good freshman season. Also back are linebackers Anthony Williams and David Walkup.

The secondary is led by strong safety Derriel McCorvey, one of the team's leading tacklers, and sophomore weak safety Anthony Marshall. LSU likewise has experienced cornerbacks in Wayne Williams and Ray Adams.

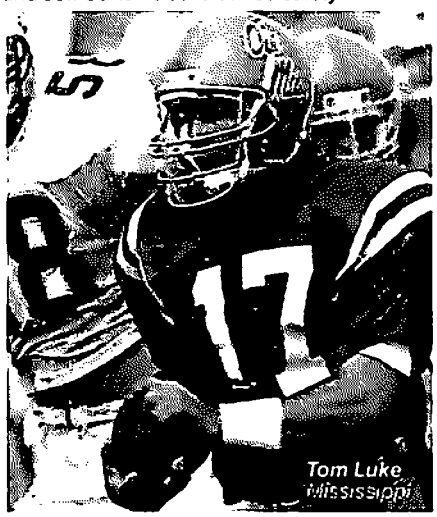
Place-kicker Pedro Suarez and punter Brian Griffith return. Griffith ranked second in the SEC last season with a 41.6-yard average, good for 20th in the nation. Accuracy was also one of Griffith's specialties. He dropped 18 punts inside the opponents' 20-yard-line.

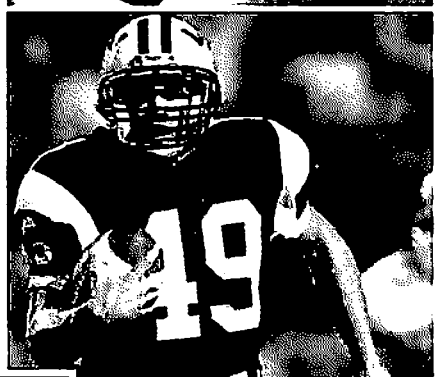
MISSISSIPPI

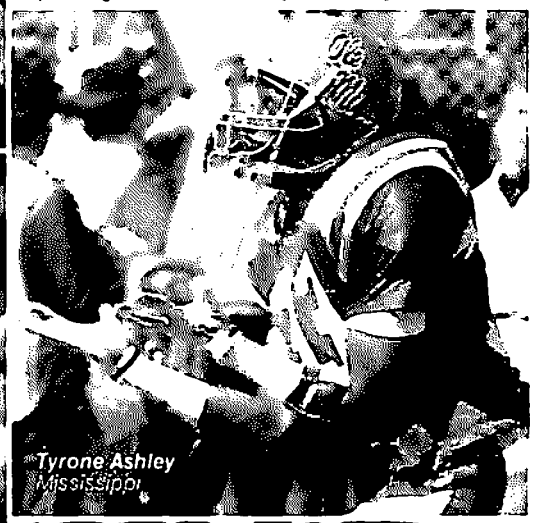
Replacing Randy Baldwin, who would have been one of the SEC's top runners this fall, is the first order of business for Rebels' coach Billy Brewer. Baldwin passed up his final year of eligibility at Ole Miss to enter the pro ranks. "Anytime you lose an all-conference running back like Randy Baldwin, it hurts," said Brewer. "He was the first one we've had around here in a while and we've obviously got a difficult task replacing him. I'm anxious to see who steps forward." Among the candidates is senior Tyrone Ashley, who played defensive back last season and also led the team in kick returns with 12 for 295 yards. Sophomore Darron Billings will also get his share of carries.

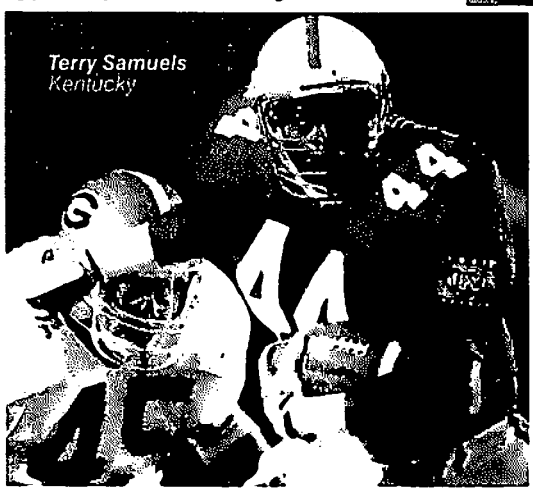
Quarterback Tom Luke, who earned a starting job early last season and guided the team to five of its victories, played baseball this spring and will have to work his way back up the depth chart in the fall. Luke will challenge fellow junior Russ Shows for the starting job. Steve Davis is also in the picture. Vincent Brownlee, who ran for 301 yards and four touchdowns, is back at flanker, along with the Rebels' top passing target, Darrick Owens. Tyrone Montgomery, who missed much of last season with a knee injury, returns. Tyji Armstrong (6-4, 245) gives Ole Miss a solid tight end. Center Cliff Dew anchors the line.

The defensive line features four seniors and a junior, with Tony Hervey (6-5, 295) supplying the beef at left tackle. Gary Abide and Pete Harris head the depth chart at linebacker. Harris is the team's leading returning tackler, third last season with 95. Danny Boyd and Chauncey Godwin are tested cornerbacks and Jeff Carter is solid at free safety.


Tom Luke
Mississippi




Tyrone Ashley
Mississippi


Terry Samuels
Kentucky

Todd Kinchen
Louisiana State

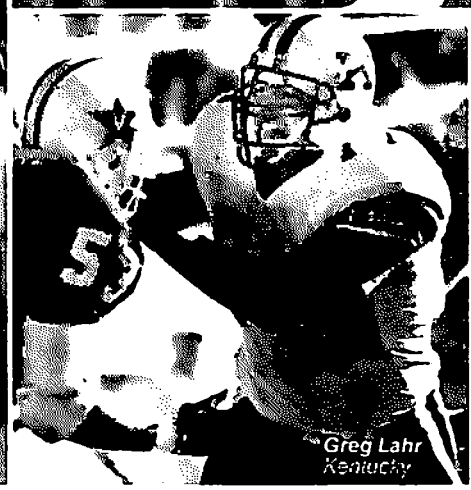
Richard Chisolm, a junior-college transfer, is the leading candidate for the punting job. Another JC transfer, John Ross, could battle Brian Lee as the place-kicker.

"This team has yet to feel its potential," said Brewer. "We have a number of inexperienced players at a number of positions. But if we can hold on and enjoy some early success, we have a chance to again be competitive."

KENTUCKY

Coach Bill Curry has a pleasant problem as he plunges into his second season with the Wildcats: picking a starting quarterback out of a flock of prime candidates. Senior Freddie Maggard last season completed 109 of 188 passes for 1,051 yards and six touchdowns with one interception—not bad statistics. Nevertheless, Maggard has to protect his starting job from a pair of juniors, Brad Smith and Ryan Hockman. Making the quarterback battle even more intense is the presence of a pair of talented freshmen, Mike Kinney and Pookie Jones. Maggard, who started 18 of the last 22 games for the Wildcats, underwent offseason surgery on a shoulder and was slowed during the spring, but he is expected to be fully recovered by the fall.

The Wildcats may need all the arms they can muster if last season's wide-open passing attack is an indication of things to come. Kentucky set a single-season record for passes attempted (390) and completed (216). The resulting 2,152 yards were the second-highest passing total in UK history. Kentucky returns


Greg Lahr
Kentucky

14 starters—six on offense, eight on defense—and two kicking specialists from last season's 4-7 team.

Sophomore fullback Terry Samuels is UK's leading returning rusher. The sturdy 6-2, 240-pounder picked up 325 yards on 72 attempts last season (4.5 average). He is also the leading returning receiver (34 catches for 223 yards and two touchdowns). Craig Walker heads the depth chart at tailback, with Kurt Johnson at flanker. Johnson had 12 catches for 114 yards and a touchdown and 13 kickoff returns for a 22.1-yard average.

Neal Clark leads a list of wide receivers and

Freddie Maggard
Kentucky

Neil Page (6-4, 250) anchors tight end. The line appears solid, with Chuck Bradley, Todd Perry, Matt Branum, and Jody Matthews. Four defensive line starters are also back: nose guard Joey Couch, end Derrick Thomas, and tackles Dean Wells and Jerry Bell. Five of the top six defensive backs return, including starters Larry Jackson, Brad Armstead, and Sterling Ward. The Wildcats will be testing some new linebacker candidates; Marty Moore and Reggie Smith are the most seasoned.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

New head coach Jackie Sherrill has 13 returning starters around whom he can start his rebuilding: seven on offense, five on defense, and one kicking specialist.

One of the first items on the agenda of Sherrill and his new offensive coordinator Watson Brown, who served as head coach at Vanderbilt for the past five years, is settling on a starting quarterback. The two top candidates are junior William Robinson and sophomore Todd Jordan. The Bulldogs have some experience in the offensive line: Guard Shea Bell and tackles John James and Kenny Stewart all were starters at the end of last season, along with tight end Trenell Edwards. James (6-3, 281), a sophomore, is considered among the top linemen. Also back are starting wide receiver Chris Firle, who will be challenged by Willie Harris, and running back Tay Galloway. Kenny Roberts and freshmen Chris Washington and Michael Davis add backfield depth. Chris Gardner and Tom Burke will compete for the place-kicking job. Senior Mike Riley is expected to handle the punting duties. Marc Woodard, Torrance Brown, and Daniel Boyd return at linebacker. Lee Lipscomb is back at cornerback.

VANDERBILT

Filling defensive gaps that leaked a school-record 457 points last season (41.5 per game) is the first order of business for new Commodore coach Gerry DiNardo. "We must make drastic improvement on defense," said DiNardo, who came to Vandy from Colorado, where he served as offensive coordinator and was credited for much of the team's national championship success. "Defense is one of our biggest challenges. A lot of our decisions will be based on improving our defense."

Vanderbilt returns eight offensive and 10 defensive starters, all-SEC punter David Lawrence, and place-kicker Jeff Owen. DiNardo will install the "I-Bone offense" he made famous at Colorado. It combines elements of the I-formation and the wishbone. "Our offense will be a ground attack that emphasizes ball control and field position," he said.

Redshirt juniors Marcus Wilson and Mike Healey, who shared the quarterbacking duties last season, will compete for a starting job this fall. Kevin Brothen, the strongest player on the team and a potential all-conference center, anchors the offensive line. Fullback Carlos Thomas, who has led the team in rushing the past two seasons, will be trying to make it three in a row. Vanderbilt, whose wishbone attack led the SEC in rushing last season

Corey Harris
Vanderbilt

(2,498 yards), may lose versatile senior tailback Corey Harris to the defense. Harris, who averaged 6.2 yards a carry and also caught 19 passes for 341 yards and a touchdown, has asked to be given a shot at cornerback. Clarence Sevillian, who caught 29 passes for 536 yards, will open at wide receiver.

Defensively, sophomore linebacker Shelton Quarles figures to be one of the Commodore leaders. He led the team in tackles. Backs Robert Davis and Aaron Smith were members of the SEC all-freshman team. Rod Keith, who ranked second in tackles in '90, is back for his third consecutive year as a starter at one end, with Alan Young at the other. Mike Gandolfo, perhaps the team's most spirited player, lines up at nose guard. □

MAX EMFINGER'S
National High School Football Recruiting Service
11744 Wilcrest, Suite B-115
Houston, TX 77099
1-(713)-438-2654

1991 NATIONAL SPRING/SUMMER PACKAGE

X.□ 1991 NATIONAL RECRUITING RECAP MAGAZINE INCLUDES IN-DEPT ANALYSIS OF THE TOP 35 TEAMS IN RECRUITING, PLUS FINAL RATINGS ALL TOP RATED PLAYERS. (MARCH 1991) $15.00

Y.□ 1991 SPECIAL TEXAS TOP 400 PLAYERS NEWSLETTER (AUGUST 15, 1991) $10.00

Z.□ 1991 SPECIAL SEC TOP PLAYERS NEWSLETTER. (SEPTEMBER 1, 1991) $10.00

1991-92 NATIONAL FALL/WINTER PACKAGES

A.□ 1991 FALL NEWSLETTER PACKAGE. INCLUDES TWO NEWSLETTERS (SEPTEMBER 15, OCTOBER 15) $10.00

B.□ 1991 NHS FALL PRE-RECRUITING MAGAZINE. INCLUDES THOUSANDS OF HS AND JR COLLEGE RATINGS OF PLAYERS, PLUS PHOTOS AND ALL-AMERICAN AND ALL-REGIONAL TEAMS. (NOVEMBER) $15.00

C.□ 1991-92 WINTER NEWSLETTER PACKAGE. INCLUDES THREE NEWSLETTERS (DEC. 15, JAN. 15, AND FEB. 20) $15.00

D.□ 1992 NATIONAL RECRUITING RECAP MAGAZINE. INCLUDES AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE THE TOP 50 TEAMS IN RECRUITING PLUS FINAL RATING OF ALL TOP RATED PLAYERS.(MARCH 1992) $15.00

E.□ YES, I WANT ALL OF THE NATIONAL FALL/-WINTER PACKAGE AND SAVE $5.00 . . . . . $50.00

Please be sure address form is correctly and completely filled out.

FORM OF PAYMENT: □ VISA □ MasterCard □ Check Enclosed

SIGNATURE

Card Number Exp. Date

Name Amt. Enclosed

Address

City State Zip

□ YES, I'm renewing my subscription.
□ YES, I'm a new subscriber to the NHS Recruiting Service.
□ YES, I want to order the 1990-91 National Recruiting Recap Magazine. Currently available . . . $15.00
□ I am a recruiting buff and my favorite team is:

east

by MICKEY FURFARI
THOMSON NEWSPAPERS
ED BOUCHETTE
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE
JERRY RADDING
SPRINGFIELD UNION

Major independents in the East have tried unsuccessfully over a period of some 40 years to form an all-sports conference. Last winter they finally settled on the next best thing: a Division I-A football alignment as an integral part of the basketball-rich Big East. West Virginia, Rutgers, and Temple were invited to join Syracuse, Pittsburgh, and Boston College, already full-fledged Big East members. And to make it an eight-team league, commissioner Mike Tranghese dipped into the South to lure Miami and Virginia Tech. "We're going to be very aggressive," he vowed. "We all believe that Big East football has great potential."

Each school has made a long-term commitment to ensure continuity. The league has adopted a revenue-sharing plan, organized a formal officiating association, and set up its own game of the week television network. It also is exploring several possibilities for an attractive bowl tie-in. All members are to play a minimum of five conference games as quickly as possible, but no later than 1995. A champion is to be determined this year, however, even though Miami plays just two league

predictions

independents
1. Penn State, 2. Syracuse, 3. West Virginia, 4. Pittsburgh, 5. Rutgers, 6. Temple, 7. Boston College, 8. Navy, 9. Army, 10. Northeastern

patriot league
1. Holy Cross, 2. Lehigh, 3. Colgate, 4. Bucknell, 5. Lafayette, 6. Fordham

ivy league
1. Cornell, 2. Dartmouth, 3. Yale, 4. Harvard, 5. Princeton, 6. Penn, 7. Brown, 8. Columbia

yankee conference
1. New Hampshire, 2. Villanova, 3. Delaware, 4. Massachusetts, 5. Connecticut, 6. Richmond, 7. Rhode Island, 8. Maine, 9. Boston University

Alex Van Pelt
Syracuse

Keith Goganious
Penn State

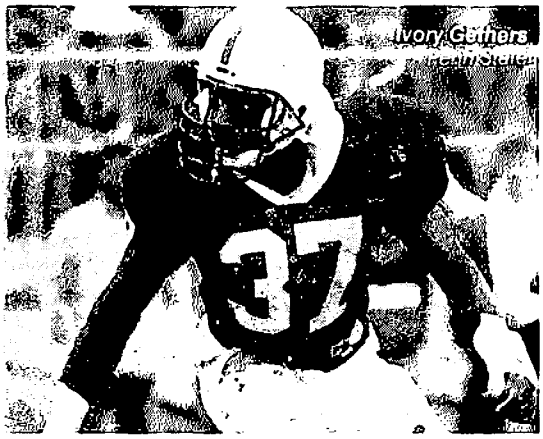
teams and Virginia Tech one. The title probably will go to the highest rated team at season's end.

Penn State, meanwhile, is pushing preparations for its official entry into the Big Ten in 1993. The Nittany Lions already have dropped Syracuse from their schedule and taken steps to discontinue long-established rivalries with other regional opponents, including Pittsburgh, after 1992. Until then, though, Penn State likely will continue to rule the East. Joe Paterno, the nation's winningest active coach, has all the ingredients for another powerful team. The Nittany Lions won nine straight after two opening losses last year, then fought Florida State on nearly even terms in the Blockbuster Bowl before bowing, 24–17.

Syracuse again shapes up as the chief challenger to Penn State. New head coach Paul Pasqualoni inherited a strong nucleus from Dick MacPherson, now with the New England Patriots. The Orange capped last year's 7-4-2 record with a 28–0 shutout of Arizona in the Aloha Bowl.

West Virginia, which slipped to 4-7, hopes to bounce back in its 100th year of football. To do so, veteran coach Don Nehlen must find adequate replacements for a defensive line decimated by major injuries in the spring.

Pittsburgh can't help but be more successful in coach Paul Hackett's second season. A rash of injuries contributed heavily to last year's disappointing 3-7-1 record. All-East quarterback Alex Van Pelt returns along with 44 other lettermen. Star running back Curvin Richards, who turned pro a year early, is the only starter missing on offense.


Ivory Gaines
Rutgers

Rutgers also should show significant improvement. Coach Doug Graber has most of his players back from last year's 3-8 team and they're more familiar with the system he installed. The Scarlet Knights enjoyed their best spring in years.

Temple, which had the nation's biggest turnaround last year, hopes to match or improve its 7-4 mark. Jerry Berndt did an amazing job in only his second year there. Tom Coughlin would love to achieve similar improvement in his debut at Boston College, where Jack Bicknell was fired after a 4-7 season.

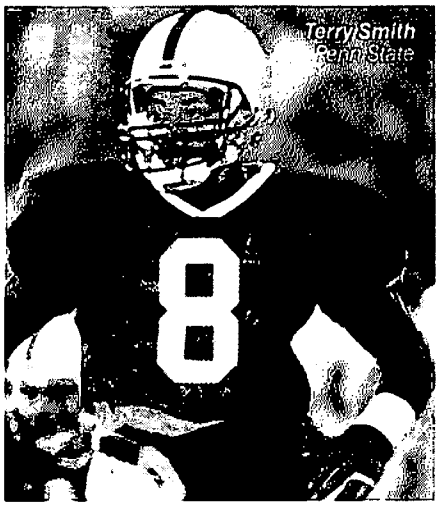
Bob Sutton is sticking with the wishbone at Army, where he was promoted to head coach when Jim Young retired after a 6-5 season. All-America running back Mike Mayweather has graduated, but option quarterback Willie McMillan remains. Navy is expecting its first winning season in nearly a decade after going 5-6 in coach George Chaump's first year.

Northeastern, 1-10 last year, hired Barry Gallup to lead the Huskies' quest for I-AA respectability. He has junked the wishbone.

Break up the Crusaders! No fewer than five members of the six-team Patriot League claim that as their motto because the Holy Cross Crusaders can now be labeled a dynasty in the sports world. Holy Cross won its fourth league championship in five years, posting a 9-1-1 record. Coach Mark Duffner's 49-5-1 record is the best of any NCAA coach at any division the past five years. The Crusaders have the second-best record in football during that span, behind only Miami (51-4). They are the unanimous choice by the league's sports information directors to win the title again, even though they lost 15 starters.

Lehigh and Colgate are the main threats to Holy Cross. Both teams have firepower back from squads that finished 7-4 and were at one time ranked among the top 20 in Division I-AA. Bucknell also finished 7-4, its winningest season in 27 years, and was at one point nationally ranked. But the Bison have only seven starters back from that club. Lafayette faces the same problem, fielding a young, inexperienced team in 1991. Fordham has won only three times since it made the big step from Division III to I-AA in 1989 but may be ready to make a move.

One thing jumps out about the Ivy League this season: The quarterbacks have disappeared. Most every team opens the season with a new quarterback. With that unpredictable factor as the background, the balance of power still might not change from last season, when Dartmouth and Cornell tied for the Ancient Eight crown and Yale finished a strong runner-up. Cornell has most starters back from an offense that set a school record by averaging 370 yards per game—all but the quarterback, that is. The Big Red does have the best pair of tailbacks in the Ivy, John McNiff and Scott Oliaro, to take up the slack. Dartmouth has plenty returning and one of the few teams with an experienced quarterback, Sophomore of the Year Matt Brzica. Yale has a receiver named Shabazz who averaged 23.4 yards a catch. Shabang! Harvard will try to slug its way back into the Ivy elite through an experienced defense. Princeton's 5-1 freshman team will help the Tigers. Penn has more than half of its starters back; the Quakers hope it is the better half. Brown will try to fend off Columbia again for seventh place.

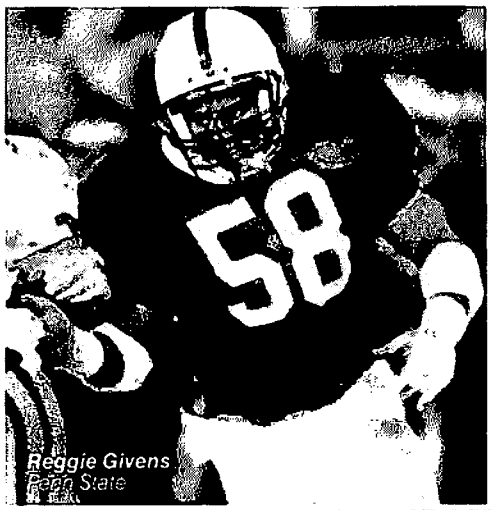

Terry Smith
Penn State

For the last few years, picking the winner in the Yankee Conference, where parity is the norm, has been dangerous business—especially when you talk to the coaches. A year ago, Massachusetts coach Jim Reid figured his team to be in the middle of the pack and it ended with a 7-1 league record and the championship. "Everybody will tell you we were lucky last year," Reid maintained. "We beat Villanova in the mud, Rhode Island outplayed us, and we beat UConn without their top quarterback. What we did have was strong senior leadership."

So this time around, Reid is picking New Hampshire. The Wildcats mauled his Minutemen, 36–18, after the YC beanpot already had been decided. "New Hampshire's defensive front will be as fine as there is in the league and their quarterback [Matt Griffin] really blossomed at the end of the year," Reid said.

"Any one of a number of teams can win it," countered New Hampshire's Bill Bowes, who starts his 20th year at the school. "But, hey, somebody's got to take it away from UMass. We're a year older and we expect to be a strong title contender."

The Yankee Conference will be increasing from nine to 12. James Madison, Northeastern, and William & Mary have been accepted and will begin competition in 1993.


Reggie Givens
Penn State

George Rooks
Syracuse

independents

PENN STATE

The Nittany Lions overcame an 0-2 start to win nine consecutive games and capture a record 20th Lambert/Meadowlands Trophy last year. They should extend their Eastern supremacy before beginning competition in the Big Ten Conference in 1993. Penn State looks loaded, as usual, with 45 lettermen back from the 9-3 team which dropped a 24–17 decision to Florida State in the Blockbuster Bowl. Joe Paterno, who has won 229 games in 25 seasons as the Lions' ringmaster, must reshape a balanced offense around quarterback Tony Sacca, fullback Sam Gash, and wide receiver Terry Smith. However, eight starters return to a traditionally tough defense. Last year's team ranked among the national leaders in rushing defense, total defense, scoring defense, and pass-efficiency defense.

Sacca passed for 1,866 yards and 10 touchdowns and added 137 yards rushing. Paterno expects him to have a big senior year, with Matt Nardolillo his backup. Smith, who averaged 18.3 yards on 29 receptions, returns at flanker. O.J. McDuffie, redshirted after injuring a knee in the 1990 opener, returns at split end along with Troy Drayton and Rich Rosa. Tisen Thomas is Smith's backup. Gash, a do-it-all bruiser, not only excelled as a blocker but rushed for 315 yards and five touchdowns and caught 13 passes for 153 yards. With Leroy Thompson and Gary Brown gone, tailback will be shared by Gerry Collins, Richie Anderson, and Shelly Hammonds.

Tight end is solid, with Rick Sayles challenging Al Golden. Except for guard Paul Siever, however, new starters will form the interior offensive line. Greg Huntington has moved from guard to center, with John Gerak at the other guard, and Derek Pickett and Todd Rucci the tackles. Projected backups include tackles Todd Burger and Brian Dozier, guards Mac Gallagher and Mike Malinoski, and center E.J. Sandusky.

All-America tackle Frank Giannetti is missing from a defensive unit which allowed only 278.5 yards and 14.1 points per game. He has been replaced by soph Tyoka Jackson, who backed up Lou Benfatti at the other tackle. Mark Flythe and Perry Pritchard provide depth. Nose guard Jim Deter will be spelled by soph Greg Troxell. Penn State's reputation for great linebackers is enhanced by Mark O'Onofrio and Keith Goganious inside and Rich McKenzie and Reggie Givens outside. Other leading linebackers are Brett Wright and Andre Powell inside and soph Ryan Grube and Eric Ravotti outside.

Leonard Humphries and Darren Perry are seasoned starters in the secondary. Derek Bochna, the third-leading tackler as a true freshman, will pair with Humphries at the corners and Lee Rubin, also a soph, will be the safety. Certain to see action are soph Tony Pittman, Mark Graham, Matt Baggett, Bobby Samuels, and Chris Cisar.

Craig Fayak should be an improved placekicker. Doug Helkowski returns as punter.

Penn State opens its 12-game schedule against national champion Georgia Tech in the Kickoff Classic on August 28. The Lions also have added games with two other top 25 teams: Miami and Brigham Young. They dropped Texas, Alabama, and Syracuse while retaining Notre Dame, Southern Cal, Maryland, and five Eastern rivals.

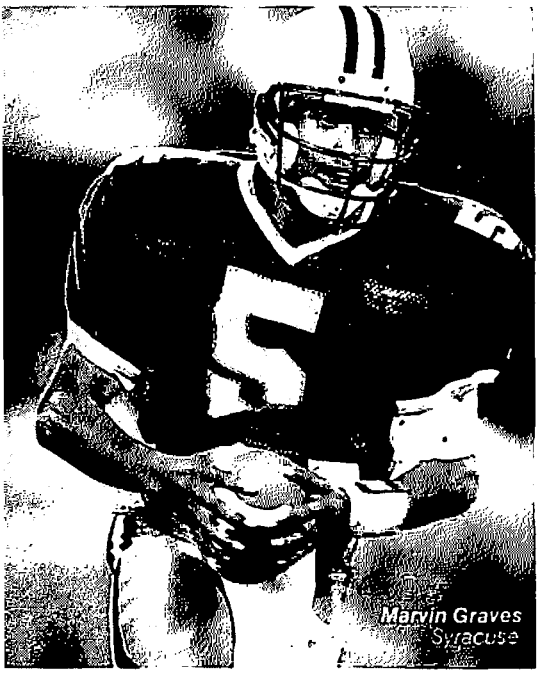
1991 all-east team

offense

Quarterback..Alex Van Pelt..JR..Pittsburgh
Running back..David Walker..SR..Syracuse
Running back..Scott McNair..SR..Temple
Running back..Sam Gash..SR..Penn State
Wide receiver..Olanda Truitt..JR..Pittsburgh
Wide receiver..Terry Smith..SR..Penn State
Tight end..Mark Chmura..SR..Boston College
Tackle..John Ray..SR..West Virginia
Tackle..Terrence Wisdom..JR..Syracuse
Guard..Brian Krulikowski..SR..Temple
Guard..Michael Davis..SR..Navy
Center..Mike Compton..JR..West Virginia
Place-kicker..Patmon Malcolm..JR..Army

defense

End..Keith Hamilton..JR..Pittsburgh
End..Elnardo Webster..SR..Rutgers
Tackle..George Rooks..SR..Syracuse
Tackle..Mike Marinaro..JR..Boston College
Nose guard..Kevin Mitchell..SO..Syracuse
Linebacker..Mark D'Onofrio..SR..Penn State
Linebacker..Steve Grant..SR..West Virginia
Linebacker..Rizardo McDonald..SR..Pittsburgh
Linebacker..Keith Goganious..SR..Penn State
Back..Leonard Humphries..SR..Penn State
Back..Darrell Whitmore..SR..West Virginia
Back..Darren Perry..SR..Penn State
Back..Mike McElrath..JR..Army
Punter..Trent Thompson..SR..Temple

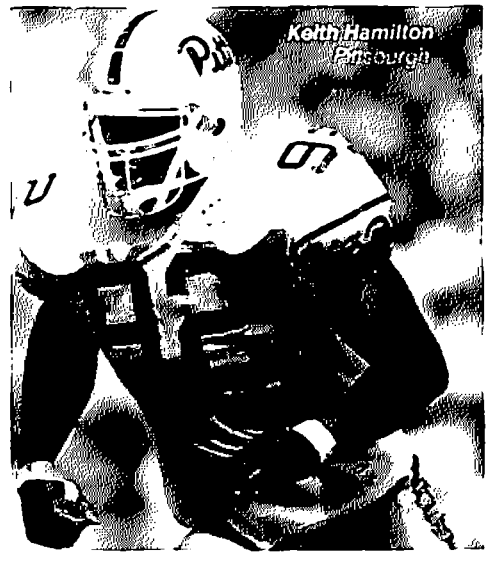

Marvin Graves
Syracuse

Olanda Truitt
Pittsburgh

SYRACUSE

Paul Pasqualoni was linebacker coach the last four years as the Orange compiled a 36-10-3 record, 10th-best in the nation, and made four successful bowl appearances. Now he's the head coach following Dick MacPherson's departure to the New England Patriots. Don't expect much of a drop-off in Syracuse's surge, though. Pasqualoni doesn't.

He has the makings of another outstanding team with top 25 potential. Eight starters return from a defensive unit which capped last year's 7-4-2 season by blanking Arizona, 28–0, in the Aloha Bowl. The Orange also shut out Rutgers, held Boston College to two field goals and Temple to three, and allowed West Virginia just one touchdown in impressive victories. Offensively, star wide receiver Rob Carpenter has gone to the NFL a year early,

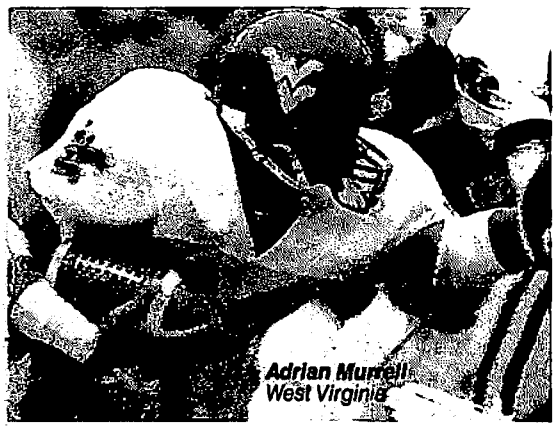

Keith Hamilton
Pittsburgh

just as Rob Moore did after 1989, and only one starting lineman is back. But there are more than enough players with experience to fill the voids.

Quarterback Marvin Graves, the 1990 ECAC Rookie of the Year, heads the five returnees on offense. He set school freshman records for passing yards (1,711), total offense (1,866), and touchdowns (14). Senior Mark McDonald, now the backup quarterback, is 4-0 as a starter. Wideout Shelby Hill, the most prolific first-year receiver in Syracuse's history, also is back. He caught 33 passes for 558 yards, second only to Carpenter's 52-for-895 last year. Battling for the spot opposite Hill are Qadry Ismail, Antonio Johnson, and Kerry Ferrell. Ismail, who returned 32 kickoffs for 699 yards, and Johnson have exceptional speed. David Walker, last year's top rusher (730 yards), remains the starting tailback, with sophomore Terry Richardson an

experienced backup. Bruiser Al Wooten takes over for Duane Kinnon at fullback.

Syracuse may have its best group of tight ends ever in Andrew Dees, Chris Gedney, Kevin Barker, and redshirt freshman Melvin Tuten. As a result, Pasqualoni may move Dees, a two-year starter, to tackle. That would help bolster the depleted interior line. Terrence Wisdom, switched from guard to tackle, is the lone returning starter there. Soph John Reagan likely will replace All-America John Flannery at center, with Matt Neenan at guard. Other contenders include tackles John Capachione, Kyle Adams, and Paul Borcky and guards John Nilsen, Chuck Bull, Eric Piekielniak, and Aaron Hunter. James Monroe is the backup center.


Adrian Murrell, West Virginia

All-America candidate George Rooks anchors the veteran defensive unit as a four-year starting tackle. Soph Kevin Mitchell returns at nose guard, with Jim Wentworth at the other tackle. Three of the top four linebackers return, including leading tacklers Dan Conley and Glen Young. Holdover Garland Hawkins likely will be joined by Jo Jo Wooden on the outside. Greg Walker, Dwayne Joseph, and Tim Sandquist form a solid nucleus in the secondary. Tony Montemorra, Tony Jones, and Bob Grosvenor are vying for the fourth spot.

Pat O'Neill handled kickoffs and later in 1990 took over as the punter. He has yet to supplant John Biskup for field goals and extra points. Ken Hawkins is trying to regain his old punting job.

WEST VIRGINIA

Last spring, the Mountaineers unwittingly enacted their own version of a M•A•S•H unit. A total of 32 players missed practice with injuries. The defensive line was especially hard hit as eight of the top nine players went down, two for the year. If Don Nehlen can get most of the walking wounded healthy, however, West Virginia should find much to smile about in its centennial year of football. Eighteen players with starting experience return from last year's 4-7 team. To compensate for key losses, Nehlen plans some different looks on both sides of the ball in his 12th season at Morgantown.

Soph Darren Studstill, who at times resembles former star Major Harris, is the quarterback. He beat out senior Chris Gray and others in the spring. James Jett, now billed as the fastest player in Division I-A, heads an improved receiving corps. Ray Staten, Mike Baker, and Ed Hill are other veteran wideouts. Michael Beasley, who started six games at tailback, and freshman quarterback Jonathan Allen also have worked as wide receivers. The running attack should be strong with Adrian Murrell, Jon Jones, and Garrett Ford joining Beasley at tailback. Newcomer Rodney Woodard is challenging holdovers Carl Hayes and Doug Costin at fullback.

Alex Shook, who lettered at fullback, has moved to tight end. Others there include Keith Graley and Nate Rine. Center Mike Compton and tackle John Ray, the team's biggest player (6-10, 330), return to the offensive line along with guard Lorenzo Styles. Soph Rich Braham will start at the other tackle, with juco transfer Jim LeBlanc battling Joe Ayuso for the other guard. Depth will come from Doug Cooley, Joe Ruth, Dale Williams, Tom Robsock, and Dan Harless.

Defensively, the Mountaineers will display different alignments to capitalize on strengths. Jim Gray has moved from tackle to nose guard, where Steve Redd and backup Todd Robinson were lost for the season after major operations. Sophomore Scott Gaskins and Tom Briggs join injury-prone holdover Gary Tillis at tackle. Rick Dolly can play both line positions, as can Barry Hawkins and Matt Schwarck. Ends Boris Graham and Tarris Alexander will be backed up by Joe Pabian and James Wright. Linebacking looks excellent

Blue & Gold News

Your source on the West Virginia University Mountaineers

New players, a new conference — 1991-92 will be a season of change and excitement for both Mountaineer football and basketball, and the best way to keep up to date on all of the happenings at WVU is with the *Blue & Gold News*. Game stories, opponent previews, coaches' comments, recruiting information, player profiles, conference news, everything you wanted to know about WVU athletics is in the *Blue & Gold News*. Best of all the *Blue & Gold* can be delivered to your door 32 times a year for the low price of only $27.95. For the Mountaineer far from "Almost Heaven" or for the West Virginia fan who wants the real story, the *Blue & Gold News* is the one publication you don't want to be without.

WVU head football coach Don Nehlen

"The *Blue & Gold News* gives Mountaineer fans a close look at the inside of Mountaineer sports. There's complete, comprehensive coverage of all the teams. If you're a Mountaineer fan, you shouldn't be without the *Blue & Gold News*."

To use your Visa or MasterCard by phone, just call (304) 291-2242.

Blue & Gold News is owned by YAP's Publishing of Morgantown.

You can also get the very latest WVU sports news any time of the day or night on the **Mountaineer Hotline.** Just phone **1-900-420-WVU1** if you want up-to-the-second WVU information. $2 for the first minute, $1 for each additional minute.

For a one-year subscription of 32 issues, send $27.95 to *Blue & Gold News, P.O. Box 1505, Morgantown, WV 26505*

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ **State**___ **Zip**____

If you wish to use Visa or MasterCard, also include the following information:

Exact Name on Card_____

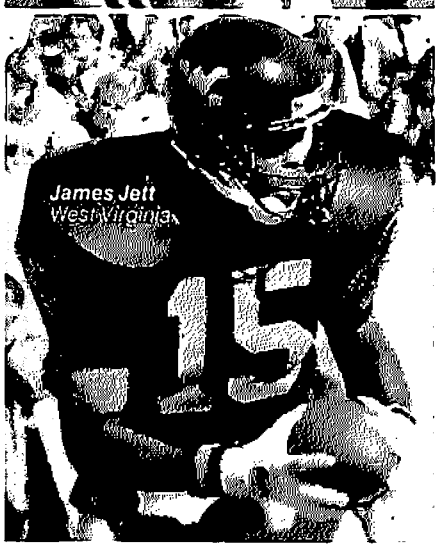
Card Number_____

Signature_____

Card Exp. Date____ **Phone**_____

This offer expires Jan. 1, 1992 S&S 92

Darrell Whitmore
West Virginia



James Jett
West Virginia

with Steve Grant, Darrick Wiley, Matt Ceglie, and Wes Richardson. Safeties Darrell Whitmore and Mike Collins are stickouts in the secondary. Cecil Doggette and Leroy Axem are holdover starting cornerbacks. Kwame Smith, Tom Orr, Tim Newsom, Dave Mayfield, and Travis Mathews are reserves.

Incoming freshman Todd Sauerbrun, who set a New York state prep record with a 62-yard field goal, is expected to do the place-kicking. Mike Vanderjagt is the replacement for record-setting punter Greg Hertzog.

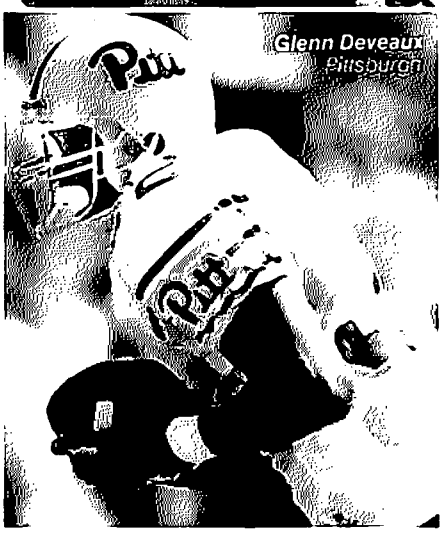
PITTSBURGH

The Panthers had difficulty adjusting to the loss of star running back Curvin Richards and several other key players to injuries last season. That's probably the main reason they wound up 3-7-1, Pittsburgh's worst record since 1984.

Second-year coach Paul Hackett returns 16 starters. An offense which averaged 372.5 yards and 21.8 points per game returns intact except for Richards. He decided to turn pro after a junior year in which he missed several games because of an ankle injury. Richards' career collection of 3,192 yards ranks him second only to 1976 Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett on the school's all-time rushing list. While filling the void at tailback is the lone concern on offense, considerable restructuring has been required on a defensive unit riddled by both injuries and graduation. Pittsburgh gave up 397.6 yards and 26.6 points per game in 1990.

Junior Alex Van Pelt is only the second quarterback in Pittsburgh's history to pass for more than 2,000 yards in consecutive seasons. He completed 201 of 351 for 2,427 yards and 14 touchdowns last year. Freshman Joe Walton Jr. will be Van Pelt's backup. Ronald Redmon, bothered by an Achilles' heel injury most of 1990, returns at fullback along with Carl Hagins. Glenn Deveaux takes over at tailback, with Kevin Williams and Jermaine Williams reserves. Wideouts Olanda Truitt and Darnell Dickerson, who combined for 70 re-

Darren Studstill
West Virginia



Glenn Deveaux
Pittsburgh

ceptions and 1,151 yards, missed spring practice to concentrate on academics. Chris Boyer and Junior Green are other experienced receivers.

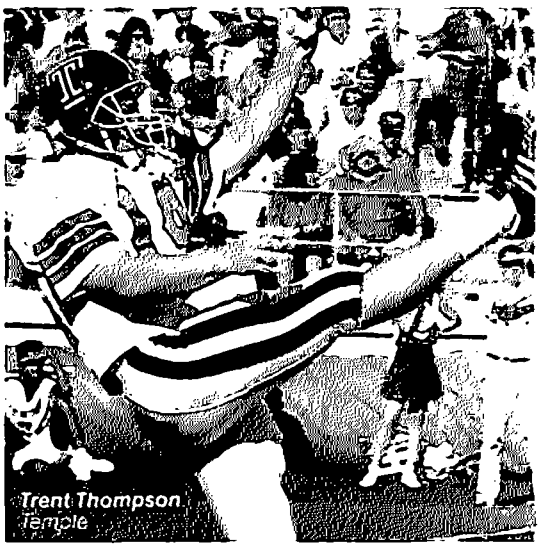
There's talent and depth at tight end, where Eric Seaman has been joined by Tony Delazio, Dave Moore, and juco transfer Rob Coons. Chris Sestili returns at center, with Mike LiVorio and Scott Miller at tackle and Jeff Christy and Gary Gorajewski at guard. Backups include Jim Royal, Dan Anderson, Bill Hurst, and Mark Fely.

Keith Hamilton and Sean Gilbert remain the starting bookends on defense. Jeff Esters, who last lettered in 1989, is projected in the middle along with Richard Allen. All-America hopeful Ricardo McDonald is a stickout at outside linebacker, where he'll pair with Heath Snell, Curtis Bray, or Nelson Walker. Michael Boykin has moved inside for linebacking duty with Mark Shemanski. The secondary must be rebuilt around cornerback Tinker Harris. Leading candidates include safeties Steve Israel and Bobby Boykin and cornerbacks Dave Norford, Dave Coleman, and Barry Threats, a starter in 1989.

Hackett dipped into the juco ranks for Kevin Leon to replace All-America punter Brian Greenfield, who averaged 45.6 yards last year. Scott Kaplan is the place-kicker.

RUTGERS

The Scarlet Knights should be somewhat stronger in Doug Graber's second year as their head coach. Eighteen starters, including both kickers, are back from last season's team, which endured growing pains en route to a disappointing 3-8 record


Trent Thompson
Temple

Gregg Angeli
Temple

Tom Tarver returns at quarterback with Bill Chesna and Derek McCord. Tarver completed 56.9 percent of his passes for 1,348 yards and eight touchdowns in nine games. Chesna and McCord each got a start while Tarver was out with a knee injury. Tekay Dorsey and Bill Bailey, who combined for 1,004 yards, lead a potent ground attack as holdover starters at fullback and tailback, respectively. Rutgers is deep in wide receivers, just as it is in running

backs. Jim Guarantano (26 receptions, 386 yards) and Chris Brantley (18-366), are back, along with two-year starter Gary Melton.

Former linebacker Kevin Burns has joined Chris Stoll at tight end, where starter James Jenkins graduated. Veteran tackle Donald Forbes also is missing from the 1990 offensive line. But center Travis Broadbent, guards Tim Christ and Doug Kavulich, and tackle Allen Mitchell return. Backups include guards Maurice Owens and Scott Patkochis and tackle Steve Tanribilir, all of whom lettered as newcomers last season. Tanribilir and guard John Bleich were moved to center in the spring.

Linebacking and the secondary loom as chief strengths on defense. Elnardo Webster, who had a team-high 99 tackles, and Shawn Williams return at outside linebacker. Jamil Jackson, Todd Lane, Luis Bido, and Andrew Beckett are inside linebackers with starting experience. Ron Allen, Jay Bellamy, and Malik Jackson are tops among eight backs who

Glenn Foley
Boston College

earned letters. Graber must rebuild the line, however, with Mike Spitzer and Kory Kozak the leading tackle candidates. Joe Ciaffoni has been moved to offense.

Soph John Benestad will do the place-kicking again and David Dunne the punting. Both set school records for distance last year. Benestad had a 55-yard field goal against West Virginia and Dunne a 75-yard punt against Boston College.

TEMPLE

The Owls became the most improved team in Division I-A last fall under second-year head coach Jerry Berndt. They bounced back from a 1-10 record in 1989 to post a 7-4 mark for the biggest turnaround in Temple's 92-year football history. Making the resurgence even more remarkable was the fact only four games were at home. Five will be played in the friendly confines of Veterans Stadium this season as Berndt builds on the firm foundation he established. He has 14 returning starters.

The key unquestionably is replacing quarterback Matt Baker, the team MVP. Anthony Richardson, who has made five starts, is the heir apparent, with all-star punter Trent Thompson and redshirt freshman Chris Paliscak in reserve. Tailbacks Scott McNair (623 yards) and Leon Brown (573) and fullback Conrad Swanson (358) head a potent running attack. Swanson also is a nifty receiver (25-192), but Temple will miss wideout Rich Drayton who caught 48 passes for 564 yards. Rob Graf (15-216) and Leslie Shepherd, if healthy, loom as the top receivers along with tight end George Deveney (27-402). Tackle Tre Johnson and guards Brian Krulikowski and Brian Erwin return to the line. Glenn Tinner or Mike Brennan likely will be at the other tackle, with Dennis McCabe at center.

Rebuilding the line is the foremost task on defense. Eric Fenwick gets the opportunity to pair with holdover starter Swift Burch at tackle, while Alphonso Taylor and junior-college transfer Jerold Jeffcoat battle at nose guard. Linebacking should be strong, with Gregg Angeli and Greg Liberty returning outside and top tackler Santo Stephens inside. Roman Hale and Kevin Cary also have experience. The secondary is talented and deep with free safety Tony Schmitz, rover Mark Ellis, and cornerbacks Kyle Glasper and Ron Bruce.

Thompson, who averaged 42.7 yards last fall on 42 attempts, is one of the nation's top punters. But record-breaking place-kicker Bob Wright has departed, with newcomer Mike Knuth his likely replacement. Wright was the leading scorer last year, with 85 points, including 19-for-25 in field goals and a perfect 28 conversions.

All four of Temple's losses were to bowl-bound teams whose combined winning percentage was 71.7. The Owls' hopes for continued success hinge heavily on how they fare on a rugged three-game road trip at season's start: Alabama, Pittsburgh, and Clemson.

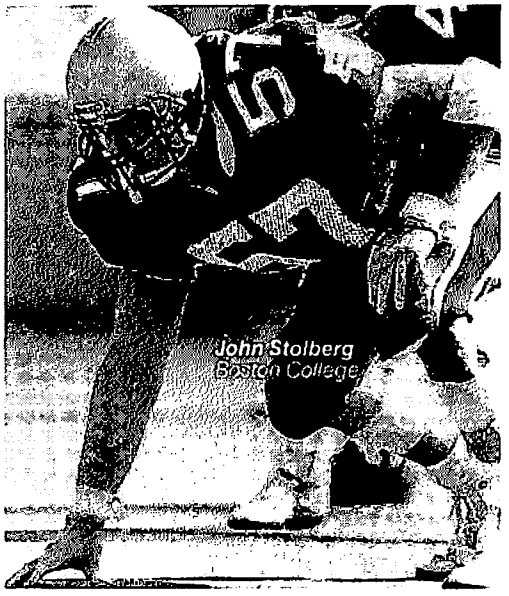
Jason Pohopek
Boston College

BOSTON COLLEGE

Can Tom Coughlin turn the Eagles' football fortunes around in his first year as coach? That's the big question atop Chestnut Hill, where there has been just one winning season in the last six. Coughlin served as an assistant with the New York Giants for three years in the NFL before taking over at B.C. after the dismissal of nine-year head coach Jack Bicknell. He'll need all the help he can muster in his bid to restore a once-proud program. While he inherits 37 lettermen from last year's 4-7 team, the Eagles face one of the nation's most challenging schedules. Big Ten power Michigan and national champion Georgia Tech are new opponents. B.C. also plays Miami and Louisville in addition to such old Eastern rivals as Penn State, Syracuse, Temple, West Virginia, Rutgers, and Army.

Glenn Foley returns at quarterback, where he broke every school freshman passing record with 2,189 yards and 11 touchdowns. Bill Shaughnessy is his backup. Tight end Mark Chmura, a strong candidate for All-America, remains the top target. He has 122 receptions, including 48 last fall, and needs only 13 more to crack the all-time school record. Andre Green, Jason Swepson, and sophomores Keith Miller and Ivan Boyd are the leading wide receivers. Last year's top three rushers are gone. Soph Darnell Campbell, who was out with hamstring problems, could be the starting tailback if he's healthy. Freshmen David Green and Dwight Shirley also are in the picture along with senior Bart Graf. Adam Womack and Kevin Lyles likely will share time at fullback. The line will be constructed around tackles Matt Metz and Mike Jovanovich and center Tom Nalen. Battling for the guard spots are Kevin Parchinski, Kevin Davis, Matt Bourke, and Kevin McLaughlin.

The defensive line remains intact with tackles Mike Marinaro and John Stolberg and soph nose guard Ted Page. Bolstering the unit are Ron Stone, John Ravenna, and Andy Klare, who missed all of 1990 after knee surgery. Russell Durham and Kevin Donovan are projected as the starting outside linebackers. Jason Pohopek is the top returnee at inside linebacker along with Tom McManus and soph Brian Howlett. Charlie Brennan is the


John Stolberg
Boston College

only holdover starter in the secondary. But Jay Clark, David Guinta, and Todd Wood logged considerable time.

Soph Sean Wright will do the place-kicking again, with Bill Kushner handling the punting. Redshirt freshman Jeff Beckley is a backup.

NAVY

The Midshipmen posted a 5-6 record, their most victories since 1982, in George Chaump's first year at the helm. In the process, they set or equaled nine school records. But Chaump hopes to stem the tide of Navy's eight straight losing seasons. His chief objectives in the spring were to settle on a new

quarterback and establish a solid, more aggressive defense. He has 13 returning starters. And they're now well-adjusted to the new system Chaump installed.

Brian Ellis or sophomore Jason Van Matre will direct the multiple pro-type offense. Their styles are different and neither saw action last season. Ellis is a strong passer who was hampered by a sore arm in 1990 whereas Van Matre is adept at running the option. Van Matre led Navy's prep school team to an unbeaten season two years ago. Last fall he lettered as a kick-returner and reserve tailback. B.J. Mason and Rob Holmberg are wide receivers capable of making big plays. Tony Gilless takes over at tight end. Brad Stramanak, a bruising sophomore, returns at fullback. Rodney Purifoy and Ivan Bullard are the leading candidates at tailback, where the departed Jason Pace was the top rusher last season. The line is bigger, stronger, and more experienced. Tackles Michael Davis and Bill Bensch and guards Dan Dunaway and David Lillefloren are returning regulars. A big boost could be provided by Carl Voss, a starter in 1989 but out last year after back surgery. Steve Palmer and Brett Mietus have experience at center.

Veterans Byron Ogden and Mark Ellis are rugged outside linebackers. Considerable improvement is expected in the defensive line, where tackle Bob Kuberski has been a stickout. Other lettermen are tackles Chris Alexander and Dan Pidgeon and middle guard Robert Goodson. Chris Beck, who started five games in 1990, and Clayton Kendrick-Holmes and Steve Himelspach are the leading inside linebackers. Holdovers Bill Yancey, Chris Cordero, and Darrell Graham form a solid foundation for development of the secondary.

Chaump is looking for improvement in Navy's kicking game. Either Tom Frosch or sophomore Dave Gwinn will do the placekicking. Two-year letterman Jefferson Triplett must become more consistent as the punter.

Byron Ogden
Navy

ARMY

After serving as an assistant for 19 years at six different schools, Bob Sutton assumed command of the Cadets when Jim Young retired after the 1990 season. Sutton was defensive coordinator under Young, who guided Army to a 51-39-1 record and the only three bowl appearances in the academy's history.

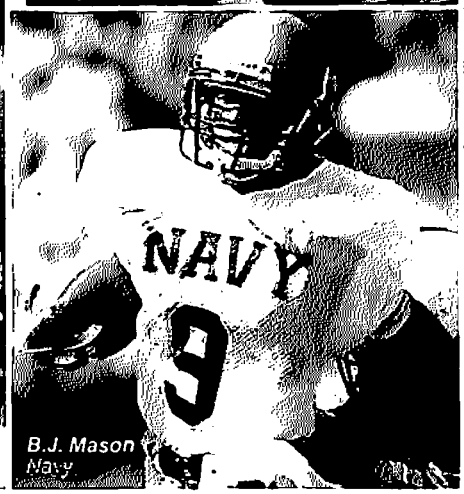
Sutton, who turned 40 in January, plans no changes in either the offensive or defensive schemes. The Cadets again will run from the wishbone offense, where over the past seven years they finished no lower than fifth nationally in rushing yardage. They also will continue to use a basic 5-2 defensive alignment. Six winning seasons in seven years and those three postseason trips are two good reasons Sutton decided to stand pat. Still, he's concerned about having to replace 15 starters from last year's team which capped a 6-5 season with a 30–20 victory over Navy.

Losses were especially heavy on defense, with tackle Lance Chambers and free safety Mike McElrath the only returnees. Five starters are back on offense, including star quarterback Willie McMillian (900 yards rushing, 455 passing). But among the missing is All-America running back Mike Mayweather, the No. 1 rusher in Army's history (1,338 yards last fall, 4,299 career). Mark Dawkins has developed into one of the region's best tight ends and Myreon Williams is an outstanding wide receiver. Edrian Oliver and Arlen Smith are the likely replacements for Mayweather at halfback. Callian Thomas is expected to get more carries as the fullback. Aaron Scott has returned to center from guard as the successor to graduated standout Bill Speier. Steve Chaloult, the biggest lineman (6-5, 290), is a fixture at one guard and John Pirog will be at the other. Dan Mendenez, a former tight end, will pair with Jason Giles at tackle.

Defensively, Chambers will team with Dan Davis at tackle and sophomore Gary Graves looms as the starting nose guard. Chris Knox and Rick Pressel are the leading candidates at outside linebacker, but inside linebacking lacks experience with Trey Gilmore, John Beatty, and Todd Soucy. McElrath is the top returning tackler. He probably will be joined in the secondary by Percy Coard, Duncan Johnson, and Todd Turner.

All-star candidate Patmon Malcolm is an excellent place-kicker. He was 36 of 36 in extra points and 12 of 14 in field goals to lead the team with 72 points last year. But Todd Hawkins must improve his punting to keep that job.

Willie McMillian
Army

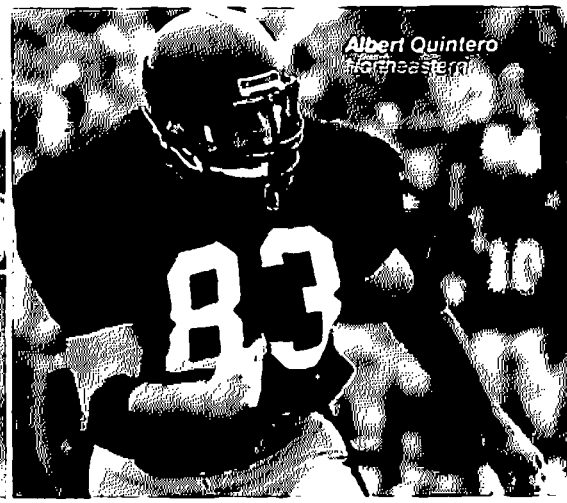


B.J. Mason
Navy

NORTHEASTERN

They're trying to forget the past as they usher in a new football era at Northeastern after last year's disastrous 1-10 season. Gone are veteran coach Paul Pawlak and the wishbone offense. Barry Gallup, taking over the reins, brought in his own staff and installed a multiple type of pass-oriented offense. He also switched to a "50" defense designed to take advantage of pass coverage. With 40 lettermen available, Gallup is highly optimistic. "We can win with these athletes," he said. "What they need most is the confidence of winning games early." That could be difficult, however, playing the first three games on the road.

Sophomore Garvey McIntosh, who can throw the ball with zip, is the top contender at quarterback. Running backs include Calvin Johnson, Mike Green, and Tony Morgan. Steve Kelley and Jon Mack return at fullback.



Albert Quintero
Northeastern

Junior Branden Tsetsilas may be one of the premier wide receivers in New England. Scott Adams and Scott Coughlin are the tight ends. The offensive line is experienced but must learn new blocking techniques for pass protection. John Smith is at center, with Scott Evans and John Douzepis the guards and Glen Coletti and Randy Dodd the tackles.

Gallup thinks his defensive line could be the team's chief strength. Tackles Kevin "Dream"

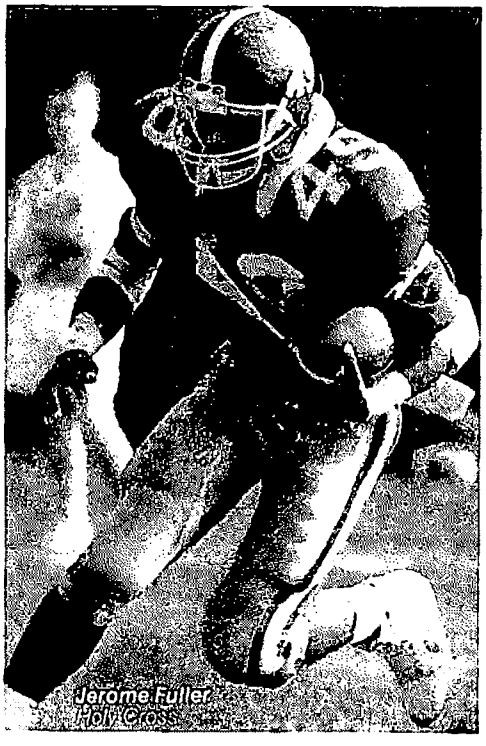
Weaver and Rob Kanterman return as starters along with nose guard Albert "Señor Sack" Quintero, who was hurt much of last season. The outside linebackers are Chad Robinson and Byron Turner, with Jimmy Loch and soph Joe Stauff on the inside. Cornerbacks Ralph Renzi and Derek Foster probably will team with safeties Mark Salisbury and Jason Seapker in the secondary.

Tsetsilas is the most versatile of the Huskies. Besides pass-catching, he will return punts and kickoffs and also punt the ball. Place-kicker Dave Rusk's range is up to 50 yards for field goals.

patriot league

HOLY CROSS

The final scholarship class at Holy Cross bows out this season. After 1991, Holy Cross will be on equal footing with the rest of the Patriot League, i.e., no scholarship players. One of those left is senior quarterback Tom Ciaccio, the league's preseason MVP. His passer rating of 144.0 in 1990 was fifth in the nation. He completed over 60 percent of his throws for 2,611 yards and 24 TDs.


Jerome Fuller
Holy Cross

Ciaccio, though, must find new help because only three other starters return on offense and they are in the line. That isn't a bad place to start. Center Pat Gibson and tackles Bill Getzinger and Rick Stahl will provide the protection for Ciaccio. Fullback Jerome Fuller has gained 982 yards over the past two years in a reserve role. Senior co-captain Darin Cromwell is the most experienced receiver, with 27 catches last season.

Holy Cross, No. 2 in the nation in scoring defense (9.6), will be hard-pressed to keep up the pace. Only four starters return, but one of them is 6-foot-5 tackle Corey Vincent, who had nine sacks in '90. Pete Dankert is the starting middle guard. Tackle Matt Nasser gives the interior line in the 5-2 some bulk. Marc Kosciuk missed 1990 because of back surgery. He was all-league two years ago at middle guard but has moved to end. Junior Marcus Duckworth will be one of two new faces at linebacker. Chris Kovath gives the Crusaders an all-league cornerback.

LEHIGH

Lehigh could pose some problems to Holy Cross. The Engineers have the key players back from the best offense in the league. They include the speedy pair of receivers, Rich Clark and Horace Hamm, and quarterback Glenn Kempa. Clark and Hamm were ranked 2-3 in the league, and sophomore Jason Cristino caught five passes for 90 yards against Holy Cross. Kempa passed for more than 200 yards in every game and had the second-best yardage (3,000) of any Lehigh quarterback. Laurence Arico and Chris Menet provide experience in the backfield, where Mark Lookenbill moves from wide receiver. Ken Joseph leads an otherwise inexperienced line.

The defensive line is also green. End John Hillis returns and Brian Murphy, who missed much of last season with injuries, will man the other side. Lee Picariello is an all-league linebacker who led the Engineers with 148 tackles. Mike Yadush and Kevin Jefferson, who played as a 16-year-old freshman last year, fill out the linebacking corps. The strongest group on defense is the secondary, including cornerbacks Pete Sczerbinski and Tommy Clark and free safety Adam Ciperski.

COLGATE

Colgate hopes its inaugural season in new Andy Kerr Stadium is a memorable one. Unlike the other prime contenders for the league title, the Red Raiders are in search of a quarterback after losing record-breaking Dave Goodwin, the ECAC Division I-AA Player of the Year. Scott Clements is the heir apparent. He has a terrific target in George Delaney, the league's top receiver last season (67 catches for 1,146 yards). Hans Ottinot gives Colgate two excellent receivers. The new quarterback also will get good protection from a veteran offensive line that includes three-year starting tackles Shane Bickel and Jim Buebendorf and guard Tim Brown. Tom Norton gained 552 yards last season at tailback and joins Jim Tierney, the league's rookie of the year in 1989, in the backfield.

Horace Hamm
Lehigh

The Red Raiders made some big changes on defense, switching to a 3-4 multiple front. Among the linemen are ends Jim Gianakopoulos and Paul Schulthesis and nose tackle Tom Carroll. The linebackers are deep and talented, led by fifth-year senior Mike Jasper. Making the decision to move to a 3-4 an easy one are linebackers like Jim Kaufman, Tom Johnson, Jeff Frederick, and John Soi. All-Patriot strong safety Rich Burke is the only starting member of the secondary back, although free safety Ryan Cook has experience.

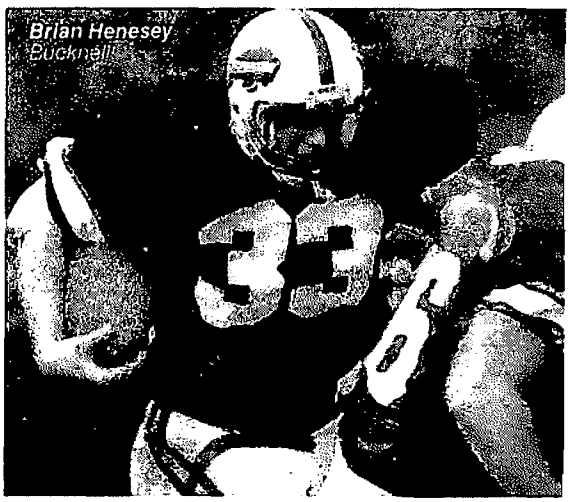
BUCKNELL

Bucknell will have a hard time equaling its best record (7-4) in 27 years. Lou Maranzana, the 1990 Patriot League Coach of the Year, must believe in the football theory that defense wins games because that is the Bison strength in '91. It begins at linebacker, where John Spatafore returns for his fourth year as a starter and Kevin Kane for his third. The defensive line boasts tackle Janne Kilpelainen and end Roosevelt Smith. Bob Marshall is the only starter back in the secondary but he may move from cornerback to safety. Matt Walsh becomes a defensive back after he rushed for 370 yards as a tailback.

The Bison have the luxury of moving Walsh because senior tailback Brian Henesey has been their leading rusher for three seasons, including his 815 yards in '90. Tight end is also in good hands with all-Patriot League Jeff Pape (6-6, 235). The team is not so well off elsewhere on offense, where the Bison must replace their fullback, quarterback, and top receivers. The quarterback job is up for grabs. The most experienced receivers are Chris Esposito, Marc Harrison, and David "Whitey" Berardinelli. The Bison were also ravaged in the line where only Jeff Hart returns.

LAFAYETTE

Coach Bill Russo had only his second losing record (4-7) in his 10 years at Lafayette, and things aren't looking up in 1991 because of the team's youth. The most promising development last season was the performance of Tim Kirchhoff at quarterback. He had the monumental task of succeeding All-America Frank Baur and all his did was pass for 2,248 yards as a sophomore, including four 300-yard games. The most discouraging story was that of tailback Tommy Costello, who set the school's all-time rushing record but then struggled with shoulder injuries which could hamper him again this season. Art Dennis was the league's rookie of the year at fullback.


Brian Henesey
Bucknell

Soph Craig Roubinek is a topnotch tight end and Jamal Jordan is a speedy, experienced flanker. The line had problems, but Villanova transfer Pete Ravalico should help at tackle, where Chris Bellucci was the best lineman.

Linebacker Kevin McManus led the Leopards with 119 tackles and joins Tim Moncman and Ed Albert to form a strong group. The vulnerable secondary must improve. Cornerback Dave DiCaprio is the veteran there. The line, though, is Lafayette's biggest question mark. Only end Obi Luckett returns.

FORDHAM

Fordham, 19-4 in 1987–88, knew the big leap to Division I-AA would not be easy. The Rams were 3-15 the past two years but not easily discouraged. "We accomplished everything we wanted to do," coach Larry Glueck said of 1990, which included one victory. "We just didn't win enough football games."

Quarterback Gary Brennan endured by setting team records for passes completed and attempted (154-309). His top two receivers, Tom Garlick and John Potamousis, return, as do fullback Tony Iasiello and sophomore tailback Darren Wallace. The offensive line is small by I-AA standards. Starting tackles Tim Sullivan (6-3, 260) and John Reilly (6-3, 250) are the exceptions.

The best player in the field for the Rams—and one of the best in the league—is junior inside linebacker Mark Blazejewski, who led the Patriot League by averaging over 15 tackles a game two years ago. He missed last season with a knee injury. Outside linebackers Tom O'Neill and Joe Rowan combined for a whopping 20 sacks in '90. Tackle Curt Geisler is the best in an undersized line. The secondary has experience with safeties Craig Jones and Chris Tirone joining cornerback Brad Jordan, who had five interceptions.

ivy league

CORNELL

Cornell's Jim Hofher got a nice housewarming present when he returned to his alma mater as head coach last season: a share of the Ivy League title. Hofher, just 33, wants to avoid the sophomore jinx and he has the weapons to do it. Tailback John McNiff, runner-up for Ivy MVP, finished two yards shy of 1,000 yards rushing. Scott Oliaro, the other tailback, rushed for 744 yards and led the Big Red in receiving and scoring. They are "very disturbing to the opposition," Hofher said. Indeed.

There isn't a quarterback in the lot with any experience. The wide receivers are strong with Mike Grant, Andy Martin, and Pete Reynolds; the offensive line is solid with all-Ivy center Greg Finnegan leading a contingent that includes tackle Rob Schroeder and guard Jason Jenkins.

The defense is not strong overall. Its strength is at linebacker, where Mark Broderick and Chris Mazoue call home. Cornerback Ramon Watkins is the only starter to return in the secondary, and end Eric Penttinen is the only starter back in the defensive line. Matt Hepfer set a school record for a kicker by scoring 63 points.

DARTMOUTH

Dartmouth's offense could be the jewel of the Ivy League. Matt Brzica, who likes to run and gained 277 yards, needs to improve his passing to hold off the advances of rifle-armed sophomore Jay Fiedler. Al Rosier gained 723 yards rushing and fullback Neal Martin likes to punch over the goal line. Mike Bobo and Jerome Gilbert are the top receivers. Chris Mawn takes over at tight end. Among the old faces in the line are tackle Lance Brackee, guard Mike McCune, and center Greg Rush.

Six all-Ivy defenders must be replaced on a squad that yielded only 65 points in seven league games, 30 fewer than any other team. The most experienced players on a green unit are cornerbacks Sal Sciretto and Rob Birge, outside linebacker Cliff McDonald, and inside linebackers Harry Wright and Tom Morrow. McDonald, who had seven sacks in '90, will be joined on the outside by George Neos. Tackle Dan Mulligan will try to bring together a young line. The best feet on the team belong to Dennis Durkin, a third-team All-America last season when he made 15 of 18 field goals.

YALE

As long as the offense doesn't get in the way, Yale could win it all on defense and its kicking game. The Elis return most of a defense that solidified late last season. They may have the best defensive line in the league with Carmine Perrelli, Erik Lee, and Fred Howard. The linebackers are Craig Vickery, Kevin Skol, and Milt Hubbard. Safety Scott Wagner led the Bulldogs with four interceptions. Maurice Saah and Eric Drury return at cornerback.

How about this kicking game: Yale boasted two all-Ivy performers. Ed Perks scored 57 points and tied a Yale record with a 52-yard field goal. Greg Bowman averaged 38.3 yards per punt and dropped eight inside the 20.

Nick Crawford might be the new quarterback or he might be the tailback, where he rushed for 312 yards last season. Jim Gouveia is the other returning running back. The most exciting player on offense is wide receiver Ya-Sin Shabazz, who gained 304 yards on just 13 catches. Adam Lenain is the other wide receiver. Tackle Kevin Allen and guard David Russell are the line's nucleus.

HARVARD

Harvard's strength is also on defense, where seven starters are back. The line helped produce a school-record 49 sacks last season and returns three starters. Right end Spencer Neumann had eight of those sacks—even though he is only 6-1, 210. Tackle Marty Popo-

Chris Koun
Yale

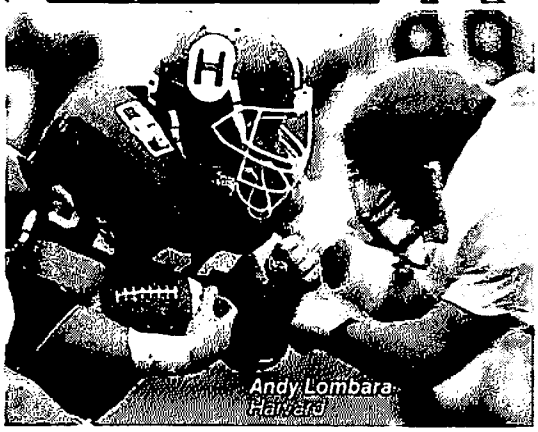
Kendric Joyce
Harvard

Scott Oliaro
Cornell

loski and nose guard Brian Murphy join him. Linebacker John Lausch had six sacks in a blitzing 4-3 scheme. David Stires should fill a larger role this season. The strongest part of the defense, though, is the secondary, where all four starters are in place from 1990: cornerbacks Greg Belsher and Robert Santos and safeties Sean Koscho and Chris Pillsbury.

All quarterback candidates combined to throw just four passes in 1990, but a potent

Matt Johnson
Harvard


Andy Lombara
Harvard

ground game averaged 174 yards. Matt Johnson led the team with 535 yards and a 5.4 average. Kendric Joyce averaged 5.8 yards a pop (263 yards) and Robb Hirsch tossed in 5.7 (240). Andy Lombara is "as good as any tight end we've had in my years here," said coach Joe Restic, who enters his 21st season with the Crimson. Jim Mrowka is the top returning receiver. Doug Rosenberry might switch from tackle to guard.

PRINCETON

The last time Princeton finished with a losing record (1986), it responded with three consecutive winning seasons, capped off by a share of the Ivy League title in 1989. After 3-7 in 1990, Princeton could be poised for another new beginning.

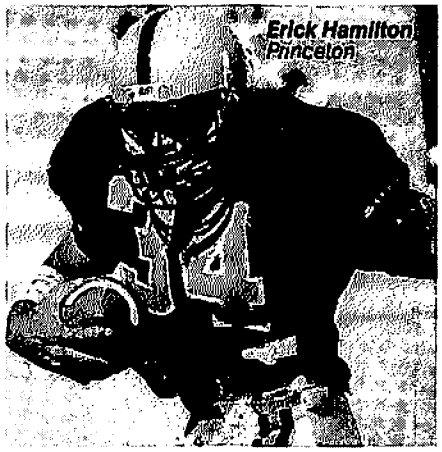
The Tigers welcome members of the 5-1 freshman team and some experienced varsity members as well. Erick Hamilton bolted for 699 yards and seven TDs last season and will be paired in the backfield with sophomore Keith Elias, who sizzled for 1,080 yards and 12 TDs in just six freshman games and added another TD with five receptions. Senior Chad Roghair, an understudy for two years, may assume the quarterback job, but Joel Foote was impressive as a frosh. Mark Rogers and Michael Lerch, the top two receivers, return.

Princeton's two lines are strong. On offense, tackle Chris Theiss is a bulldozer who joins guard Anthony Cicia and center Todd Crockett to form a solid returning group. On defense, three starters are back: Mark Johnson, Tom Ryan, and Leon Newsome, an imposing (6-5, 270) pass rusher. Captain Jim Freeman enters his third season as a starting outside linebacker. Both inside linebackers return: Aaron Harris and Ken Sisco. Cornerback Marvin Williams leads the secondary.

PENN

As with others in the Ivy this season, Penn should make its mark on defense. The Quakers return many from the league's second-ranked defense. Linebacker Joe Kopcha is the man in the middle, a first-team all-Ivy choice who could become the school's all-time leading tackler. Outside linebacker Brian Griffin missed last season but was still voted captain for '91, and Jay Lee is an impact player on the other side. The line is thick with veterans, including Dan Dedic, Dave Rawicz, and Danny Thomas. The secondary is led by three-year starter Tom Oko, the free safety who made 105 tackles last season. Cornerbacks Tony Kerr and Stephin Palmer moved in as starters late in the fall.

The offensive backfield is another story. New faces are everywhere. Sundi Rush and Lance Rushing are the most experienced backs, but a sophomore to watch is Brad Wollenzier. Damon Young is the only wide receiver with much experience. Brian Hoehn is a solid tight end. Tackle Joe Valerio, a second-round NFL draft choice by Kansas City, is


Erick Hamilton
Princeton

gone, but three solid players return in the line: tackles Rob Ruisch and Greg Ulmer and guard Donald Gates. Rob Sims averaged 40.1 yards per punt to lead the Ivies.

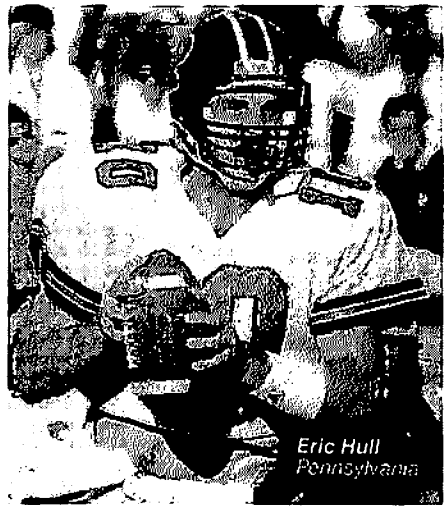
BROWN

Mickey Kwiatkowski's unique wing-T flex offense broke six Brown records in his first year as coach, but the Bears broke into the win column just twice and now they must find a new quarterback again. When the winner from the six candidates surfaces, he can throw to all-Ivy receiver Rodd Torbert, who set Brown records with 67 receptions for 908 yards. Sophomore receiver Tom Rosahac will join him. Brett Brown is the best of an inexperienced group of backs. The offensive line is well-stocked with two-year starters Tom Condon and David Cromack at tackle and senior Shawn Martinson at center.

You won't find a much better inside pair of linebackers than seniors Jason Pankau and Brad Sidwell; free safety Pat Allman is one of the better Ivy defensive backs. Nose guard Jeff Good was honorable mention all-Ivy and had four sacks. Now, if the Bears can fill in around that quartet, they could make their move. They should receive a boost from senior tackles Scott Perry and Ron Dalgliesh, former starters who missed the 1990 season. Leo Rowland is a good kicker.

COLUMBIA

Columbia's annual pursuit of moving up the Ivy ladder will get a boost this season from a veteran team that beat Princeton in 1990 and had a close call with Harvard. Fourteen starters return, but before the Lions make their move they must find capable replacements for the all-Ivy connection of quarterback Bruce Mayhew and receiver Gary Comstock. The quarterback job is wide open, but Mike Sardo is a big-play wide receiver and tight end Mario Loya can catch and block with the best of them. Greg Abbruzzese and Bryan


Eric Hull
Pennsylvania

Pennartz will try to improve the running game, which should get a boost from a strong line that includes center Rich Bernard and guards Matt Beck and Brad Hutton.

The Lions' defensive strength lies in the secondary and at outside linebacker. Chuck Dimitroff may shift from rover to cornerback. Tailback Kevin Robinson moves to cornerback. A sophomore to look for is safety Joe Hill. Outside linebacker features seniors Dan Wall and Sean Feren and sophomores James Korten and John Jennings. Des Werthman is a strong inside linebacker. The line is small but will improve if senior Bob Kent recovers from a knee injury. Kicker Tom Boccafola made 10 of 13 field goals last season.

yankee conference

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Wildcats finished 5-3 in the league, in a four-way tie for second place, and had the best overall record (7-3-1) in the YC after UMass. The Cats return all 11 starters on offense and even Bowes admits, "We don't have too many gaps to fill."

The offense starts with tailback Barry Bourassa, who led Division I-AA in all-purpose

yardage and scoring last season. Quarterback Matt Griffin completed 59 percent of his passes and he still has wide receiver John Perry (51 receptions), dependable tight end Matt Chmura, and workhorse fullback Mike Gallagher. The line is solid with Matt O'Neill at center, Mark Schneible and Bill Moore at guard, and bookend 6-5, 275-pounders Mark Powicki and Chris Porter, two of the premier tackles in the league.

Heading the defense are all-YC selections Dwayne Sabb at end and Geoff Aleva and Doug Ruggles at tackle. Chris McGrath, who led the team in tackles with 82 a year ago, is the leader at linebacker. Cornerbacks Nat Bryan and Jim Powers, along with safety Bob Jordan, give experience to the secondary. Punter Eric Kutz returns, but the search is still out for a place-kicker.

"We had a better year than we expected last year," said Bowes. "We certainly expect to be up there." The Wildcats lost only one of their first seven games a year ago, then went into a three-game tailspin. Bowes has that added experience and depth to avoid those problems this year.

VILLANOVA

In Villanova's last five games a year ago, its only loss was a 3–0 mudslinger at UMass; two of its other league setbacks (to UConn and Delaware) were by a total of six points. So, Andy Talley, who has not had a loser in his six years of rebuilding the football program which was dormant for three years, has reasons for optimism. "This year's team is essentially the same as last season and should be more mature and harder and smarter this year in the close games."

Tom Colombo and Brad Parpan, who saw equal time at quarterback, return. Columbo started six games and passed for 1,128 yards. Parpan had five starts and was No. 1 in spring practice, so there's a healthy rivalry there. Pat Kennedy and Jeff Johnson return to the backfield. Kennedy led the Wildcats in rushing (791 yards). Johnson, the top runner two years ago as a freshman, had some problems with knee injuries in '90 but still was a producer on the ground and as a receiver. Scott Thompson, an injury redshirt last year, is back to anchor the receiving corps. The other surehanded receivers are flanker Straughn Lumpkin and tight ends Scott Donald and Chris Nanni. Returning starters in the line are Randy Crane, John Marichak, Michael Possenti (6-7, 250), and Tim Tarpey.

The defense lost four starters and the biggest void is at linebacker. The line is led by tackles Chris Grychowski and Willie Oshodin.

DELAWARE

Last year was a downer for the Blue Hens, 5-3 in the league and 6-5 overall. But Tubby Raymond's 25-year record of 202-83-2 proves that the team is never down for long.

The Hens return 17 starters, including junior Bill Vergantino, who is the second-best running quarterback in school history. Vergantino has rushed for 1,231 yards and passed for 3,064 yards in two seasons. Fullback Daryl Brantley, the team's second-leading rusher, must be replaced but Jim Lazarski and Anthony Ventresca are quality backs. Tight end Tom Fitzpatrick returns, but there's still a lack of wide receivers. Dan Cooper and Keita Malloy have the most game experience. There's also a need for a backup quarterback. Freshman Keith Langan is a top prospect. The leading offensive linemen are Mark Toback, Glenn Groninger, and Curt Chastain.

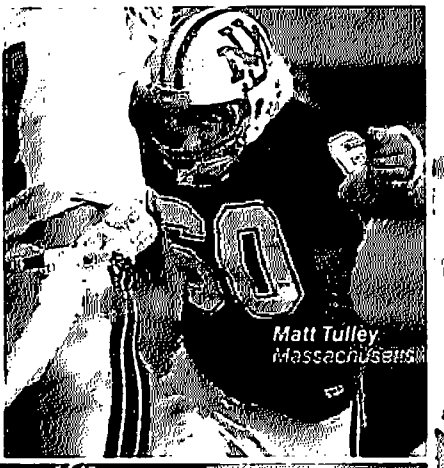
Defensive starters returning include ends Mark Hrubar and Matt Morrill, tackle Scott Griemsmann, linebackers Rob Wolford and Tim Irvine, and backs Tim Jacobs, Jay Mirabelli, Warren McIntire, and Robin Callender. The speedy Callender was all-YC and fourth on the team in tackles. Another top cornerback is Marc Sydnor, a co-captain who missed most of the season with a leg injury.

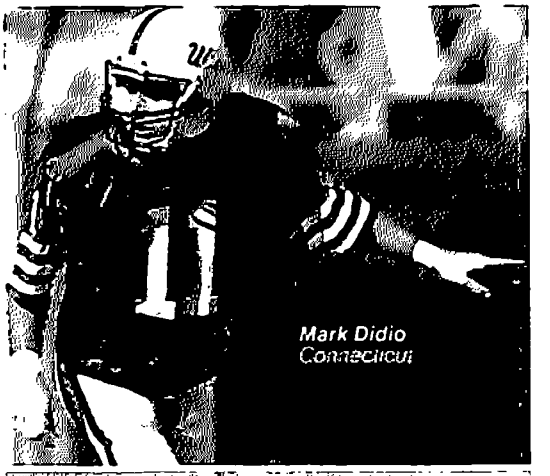
A big plus is senior punter Gene Vadas, first-team all-East who led the league with a 40.6-yard average. Kicker Mark Drozic is also a solid producer.

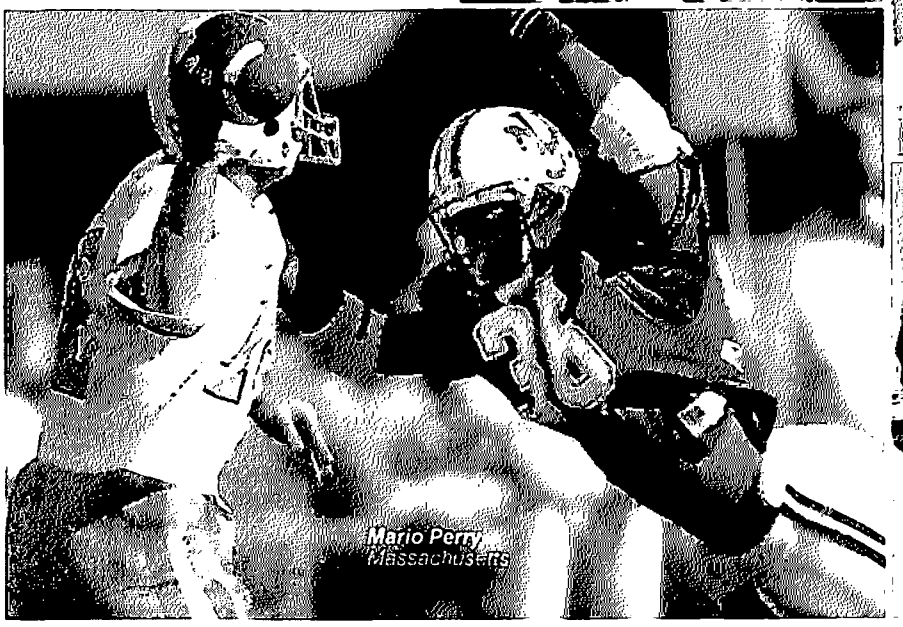
MASSACHUSETTS

Jim Reid, last year's Coach of the Year, is not counting his team out but he enters the new season with some strong uncertainties. Quarterback Gary Wilkos, who was co-offensive Player of the Year, was ruled out after suffering a fractured vertebra in game six. And Phil Bledsoe, one of the best running backs in the league two years ago, broke his ankle in the '90 opener and still wasn't well enough to go hard in spring practice.

The good news is that sophomore quarterback Dave McGovern, who led UM to two regular-season victories and completed 53.3 percent of his passes, is back. Other capable quarterbacks, although with limited experience, are option man Tom Fasano and strong-armed Paul Tornatore. And the people who ran in Bledsoe's tailback spot, sophomores Johnny Johnson and Eric Thimas, responded handsomely. Johnson led the team with 729 rushing yards. Another bright prospect is Marvin Fitchett, a medical redshirt in '90 who could be the quickest of the group. The fullback position, however, is thin, with only backup Duncan MacRae having game expe-


Matt Tulley
Massachusetts


Mark Didio
Connecticut


Mario Perry
Massachusetts

Johnny Johnson
Massachusetts

rience. Lamar Newsome returns at wide receiver and all-YC tight end Ron Villone. Up front offensively, the Minutemen lost their center and two guards but still have all-YC tackles Rich Cavanaugh and Kai Dietiker. Bill Durkin, who played tight end and defensive tackle last year, may wind up at center.

The defense, which was the best in the league a year ago, returns nine starters. The leaders are all-YC performers Rich Kane at tackle and Mario Perry and Matt Tulley at linebacker. Other tested starters are inside backer Bobby Burke, tackle John Creamer, nose guard Jim Mancaruso, and backs Allen Williams, Don Caparotti and Matt Rajotte.

CONNECTICUT

Coach Tom Jackson has led his team to five straight winning seasons and a share of the Yankee Conference title in two of those years. The only thing missing has been an outright crown, which would be a big accomplishment this year with all-time leading passer Matt DeGennaro no longer around. But senior Cornelius Benton, who started four games when DeGennaro went down with a separated shoulder, proved an able replacement. Benton threw for 1,184 yards. His backups are redshirt freshmen Tom DeSarno and Tony Valente.

With the departure of their top two rushers, the Huskies lack experience at tailback. Redshirt freshman Leonard Dandridge and sophomore Mike Mills are battling for the starting job. At fullback, Craig Murray and Gerald Tollefsen return. Flanker Alex Davis, who caught 62 passes for 814 yards and nine touchdowns; split end Mark Didio, who was third-team All-America; and tight end Brian Kozlowski, who started every game last year, should make the passing game tough. The Huskies also have their entire interior offensive line back in center Pete Gale, guards Lyndon Johnson and David Daignault, and tackles Peter Gasparino and Nick Mancuso.

There'll be new bodies on defense, where six starters are gone. Tackle Robert Belcuore, middle guard Drew Cary, inside backer Doug Harkins, and backs Robert Clarke and Pete Calin are the solid returnees.

The Huskies are looking to get out of the gate a little faster. They had to recover from an 0-3 start to salvage their 6-5 season.

RICHMOND

Sophomore quarterback Greg Lilly started the last three games a year ago, and although the Spiders didn't get any wins, Lilly was a 54 percent passer. His return—along with seven other regulars on offense—is encouraging. Sterling Brown should be a top target and the receiving corps is loaded with experience. Fullback Scott Mahone returns, but third-year coach Jim Marshall needs a replacement for top rusher Eric Hopkins. Sophomore tailbacks Vidal Adams and Karl Johnson are the leading candidates. There's experience in the line, with center Dritte Kanto, guard Curtis Moore, and tackles Richard Phillips and Tom White.

Linebacker Eric Johnson, the top tackler in the Yankee Conference last year, and senior co-captains Brandon Bonser at nose guard and end Tracey Parker head the list of nine returning defenders. Tackle Mike Davis, linebackers Randy Kesselring and Jeff Edmiston, and backs Jim Balam and Rorry Altmann return. Defensive player of the year James Smith will be greatly missed at free safety but speedy junior Charlie Kennon looks like a capable replacement.

The Spiders were shut out twice and held to a field goal in a third game, so the accent will be on finding more punch as they try to climb out of the league basement.

RHODE ISLAND

Five of their six losses were by a total of 24 points. With 18 starters returning, the prospects seem reasonably bright for the Rams.

The offense does need repairs because quarterback Kevin Neville, the school's No. 2 all-time passer, and fullback Tony Lowe have departed. On the plus side is the return of tailback John Newson, the No. 2 runner and scorer in the Yankee Conference last year. Steve Holland started spring drills as the No. 1 quarterback, although his game experience is rather limited. Sean Donovan, a three-year-letterman, is the top candidate at fullback. All-Conference wide receiver Chris Pierce, who topped the team in all-purpose yardage, is back, as are tight ends Darren Rizzi, Cory Cloud, and Brian Field. The other returning starters on offense are linemen Glenn Hodgins, Rob Long, Pat Hughes, Mike Monti, and Dave DiGiacomo.

Defensively, the team will be led by all-YC tackle John Klumbach and linebacker Pete Doremus. Soph linebacker Dave Slattery is the top returning tackler. Other starters back are outside backer Nate Reis, nose guard John Caruso, cornerback Monty Scott, and free safety Brian Thomas. The kicking game also is in good shape with Chris Cassara ready to do both the punting and the placements. He scored 51 points last year.

Barry Bourassa
New Hampshire

MAINE

After competing in the NCAA playoffs two years in a row, the Black Bears dropped to 3-8 last season under first-year coach Kirk Ferrentz. This is the 100th anniversary year of football at Orono and Ferrentz naturally is hoping for happier days.

The quarterback position will be highly contested as two experienced players and a pair of redshirt freshmen battle for the job. Jeff DelRosso, last year's early starter, and Bob Zurinskas, who finished as No. 1, both have talent. All-league running back Carl Smith returns after rushing for 794 yards despite a nagging shoulder injury. Two years ago, Smith led Division I-AA with 1,680 yards and 20 touchdowns. Behind Smith is the capable Paul Capriotti. There are experienced fullbacks in Ben Sirmans, Marc Curran, and Gordon Willey. Second-year players Tony Szydlowski and Kenny Squires are the leading receivers. The Bears lost a couple of four-year starters in the line, but still have tackle Dan Jones, guards Sean Dowd and Rich Donahue, and center Pete Saulnier. Mark Shaw, who split time at tight end, is back.

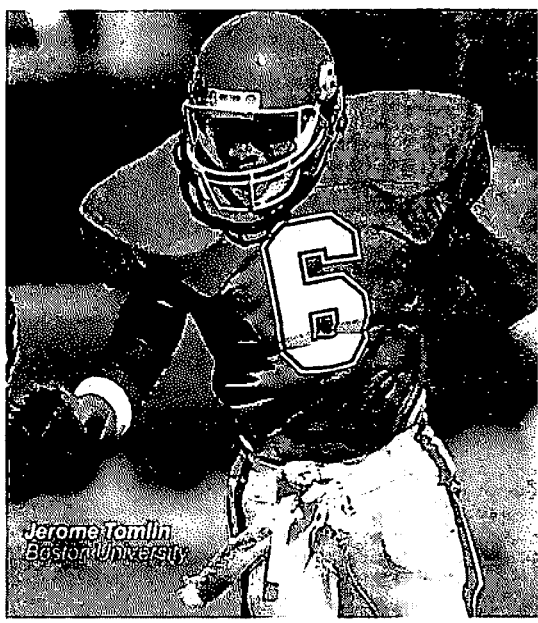
Linebacker Marc Dube and tackle Kevin McCoy spearhead a defense which boasts the return of six starters. Jeff Mottola, last season's ECAC all-star place-kicker, who led the team in scoring with 60 points, is back for his junior season.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

When first-year coach Dan Allen guided the Terriers to a 5-6 season in '90, it marked the most victories in a season at the school since '84. Because of lack of depth and experience, there is concern at quarterback and in the offensive line. Mark Haering and Greg Moore, who played in three games, are battling for the quarterback job which was handled for two years by league co-offensive player of the year Stan Greene. The offense also is missing three-year receiving leader Daren Altieri. Scott Mallory and Brian Straughter are back.

Running back looks solid with the return of Jay Hillman and transfer Zack Burwell. The inside receivers are Mike Overton, who was moved from the secondary in the spring, and former quarterback Walter Norton. Two-year tackle Jason Goldberg and Matt Demshar, who moved from guard to center, are the most experienced offensive linemen.

"Defense will be our strength this year," said Allen. "Our secondary could be one of the best in the conference." Jerome Tomlin and Marc Fauci are the anchors, with Phil Driscoll and Pablo Rodriguez the other members of the unit. Paul Gamber and Kevin Dowd are returnees at linebacker. Heading the front three is tackle Harold Thomas. Brian Smith, who was switched from the offense, and Todd Elliott, a fugitive from the special teams, are the other likely starters. □


Jerome Tomlin
Boston University

Lance Gunn
Texas

southwest

by IVY McLEMORE
HOUSTON POST
CHUCK PICKARD

In a refreshing change, the Southwest Conference almost made more news on the field than it did off the field a year ago. Highlights included the Texas Longhorns' surprising march to a conference championship and another record-setting season for the Houston Cougars' space-age run-and-shoot offense. Even the downtrodden Rice Owls nearly earned their first winning season in 27 years and—gasp!—a bowl bid.

The SWC nevertheless found a way to link itself to controversy, as it frequently did during the 1980s with numerous teams being placed on probation for a variety of NCAA violations. Arkansas first made headlines when officials announced the university would be moving to the Southeastern Conference, a move which will become official in football after the 1991 season. Texas and Texas A&M, realizing the geographic and fiscal limitations of having all eight remaining SWC members in Texas, studied the possibility of relocating to the SEC, Big Ten and Pac-10 before opting to put away their road atlas for another season.

Regardless of what ultimately transpires, SWC football is at a crossroads. Mediocre attendance at several universities is an ongoing problem, as is the distinct possibility of decreasing television revenue in comparison to major powerhouses in other conferences. The SWC likely will be considerably different in a few years than it will be in 1991. One prospect being considered involved the possibility of adding Tulane to replace Arkansas.

For at least one more season, however, SWC coaches will be more concerned with trying to find a way to prevent Texas, Houston, and Texas A&M from turning the conference race into a three-team scramble. Baylor, Texas Tech, and Rice—yes, Rice!—all could challenge for bowl berths, while Arkansas and Southern Methodist may consider 1991 a successful season if one team can hand the other the keys to the conference cellar.

After frequently misplacing all their orange light bulbs at Texas in recent years, the Longhorns finally bathed themselves in a glow of success that resulted in a 10-2 season and a trip to the Cotton Bowl. A subsequent 46–3 thrashing at the hands of Miami prompted some cynics to suggest the biggest difference between the Longhorns and corn flakes is that corn flakes belong in a bowl. But the real joke may be on the rest of the conference this fall if Peter Gardere continues to excel at quarterback with help from heralded sophomore running back Butch Hadnot and another traditionally strong UT defense.

Peter Gardere
Texas

A loss at Texas last fall was the only obstacle between Houston, an undefeated season, and a possible No. 1 ranking. The schedule-maker decided to put the litmus test to the Cougars this year by arranging games at Illinois and Miami, two games in which skeptics should be able to decide once and for all if quarterback David Klingler should be a legitimate candidate for the Heisman Trophy, or if he simply is a product of a prolific run-and-shoot offense that once again should amass impressive numbers.

Texas A&M saved its best for last a year ago by putting together its best game in a Holiday Bowl whipping of Brigham Young. A similar fate may be in store for several SWC teams this season, especially if the Aggies'

speedy backfield also is quick to gain experience. No SWC member has a more promising running back than Baylor's Robert Strait, but added consistency on offense and defense is needed if the Bears are to celebrate Grant Teaff's 20th year as Baylor's head coach with a trip to the Cotton Bowl.

The roller-coaster ride Texas Tech has experienced in recent years may hit another upswing with the return of several talented players at the skill positions. If incentive were the only criterion needed to win the SWC title, Rice could book a New Year's Day date in Dallas before the season's opening kickoff since the Owls barely missed a winning season and a bowl bid a year ago.

There is no truth to the rumor TCU fans have decided to hold their breath until they turn purple while waiting for the Horned Frogs to make another Cotton Bowl appearance. Scoring points shouldn't be a major problem at TCU, but keeping opponents out of the end zone might be.

Arkansas, which must find a capable quarterback in hopes of avoiding back-to-back losing seasons, may be in for a rude sendoff by conference opponents as the Razorbacks prepare to make their exodus after a storied history in the SWC. The only team facing a tougher bout may be SMU, which has been on the ropes since resuming football three years ago and which remains the conference's favorite punching bag.

Northeast Louisiana looms as the team to beat in what should be a very tight Southland Conference race this fall. Several teams, most notably Sam Houston State, Southwest Texas State and McNeese, also have title aspirations in a topsy-turvy league which welcomes Nicholls State as its newest member.

Jackson State and Grambling have led the Southwestern Athletic Conference for three decades, but Alabama State will create a traffic jam in this season's championship race with All-America quarterback candidate Ricky Jones in the driver's seat. The Hornets were given the title nod in a preseason poll of the league coaches.

Alabama State carries a seven-game winning streak into the season opener against defending champ Jackson State, which has won five titles in the past six years and eight dating back to 1980. Meanwhile, Grambling has won or shared 16 titles since 1959 while winning five black national championships.

W.C. Gorden (116-43-5), the winningest coach in Jackson grid history, will try to improve on his numbers with an all-star cast headed by super soph cornerback Robert Turner. Gorden is hoping his offense picks up where it left off last season, when the Tigers averaged 38 points per game to lead all Division I-AA schools. Coach Eddie Robinson is counting on quarterback Shawn Burras and linebacker Thomas Griffin to spark Grambling's title bid. Mississippi Valley and Southern should fight it out for fourth place, but MVU coach Larry Dorsey believes his first unit can hold its own against all opponents. Alcorn will rely on the passing of Reginald Martin, who has skilled receivers in Cedric Tillman and Torrance Small. Texas Southern has an All-America candidate in defensive end Michael Strachan. Prairie View faces a long road back after dropping football for one year.

Adrian Walker
Texas

predictions

southwest conference

1. Texas, 2. Houston, 3. Texas A&M, 4. Baylor, 5. Texas Tech, 6. Rice, 7. Arkansas, 8. Texas Christian, 9. SMU

southland conference

1. Northeast Louisiana, 2. Sam Houston State, 3. Southwest Texas State, 4. McNeese State, 5. North Texas, 6. Nicholls State, 7. Northwestern Louisiana, 8. Stephen F. Austin

southwestern athletic conference

1. Alabama State, 2. Jackson State, 3. Grambling, 4. (tie) Mississippi Valley and Southern University, 6. Alcorn State, 7. Texas Southern, 8. Prairie View

Tracy Good
Houston

southwest conference

TEXAS

What could have been a dream national championship season for the Longhorns became a nightmare finish when Texas was embarrassed by Miami in a 43-point blowout in the Cotton Bowl. The bitter memories associated with the defeat which dropped the Longhorns' record to 10-2 under David McWilliams unfortunately overshadowed the impressive progress made by several players during conference play. McWilliams was widely criticized during his first three years at Texas, but likely salvaged his job by guiding his team to victories over Oklahoma, Penn State, and Houston before the Miami massacre. An early-season loss to Colorado was the only blemish on what otherwise would have been a perfect regular-season record.

If the Longhorns successfully defend their SWC championship, it likely will be the result of another stingy defense and a highly productive running game. Junior end Shane Dronett, tackle James Patton, and safety Lance Gunn are headliners on a defense that returns eight starters. Gunn will be joined in the secondary by cornerbacks Grady Cavness and Mark Berry. Tackle Tommy Jeter and linebackers Boone Powell and Anthony Curl add quality and depth to a unit which was ranked 18th in the nation in total defense.

Butch Hadnot
Texas

No position in the SWC comes under greater scrutiny each year than the Longhorns' starting quarterback. Peter Gardere withstood the pressure and, at times, even thrived on it during his first two years. Gardere passed for a university-record 2,131 yards as a sophomore and may find that output difficult to

Tommy Jeter
Texas

match as he throws to a group of unproven receivers led by Darrick Duke, Graylin Johnson, Cosmo Palmieri, and Justin McLemore. Curtis Thrift is the only veteran returning at tight end. Finding capable players to carry the ball should be the least of the Longhorns' concerns. Butch Hadnot emerged as the SWC's Offensive Newcomer of the Year by rushing for eight touchdowns. Adrian Walker led the Longhorns in rushing two years ago and returns along with Phil Brown, Patrick Wilson, Rodrick Walker, and Shane Childers. Chuck Johnson and Jeff Boyd are the only starters returning in the line.

For the first time in several years, the Longhorns' kicking game is somewhat suspect. Redshirt freshman Jason Ziegler may take over the place-kicking duties, while Gardere is the top candidate to handle the punting.

HOUSTON

Few offenses have caused opposing teams more problems than the run-and-shoot, a scheme the Cougars hope will produce the university's second Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback in three years. As a junior, David Klingler established NCAA records with 5,140 yards passing and 54 touchdowns. When frenzied statisticians finally finished checking the computer tape, Klinger had broken or tied 33 NCAA single-game or season records while helping the Cougars to a 10-1 record.

The record-keepers figure to be busy again this season as Houston returns five starters on offense in hopes of making its first bowl appearance since being placed on NCAA probation three years ago. Receivers John Brown III, Verlond Brown, Tracy Good, and Marcus Grant will be used to reload an offense which has produced the nation's leading receiver in each of the past three years and which helped Andre Ware win the Heisman in 1989. Right guard Mike Gisler is the only incumbent in an offensive front that should be bolstered by the addition of sophomores Darrell Clapp, Brad Whigham, and Greg Whitty. The unenviable task of replacing superback Chuck Weatherspoon will fall to TiAndre Sanders. As if Houston didn't have enough offensive firepower in its regular unit, place-kicker Roman Anderson will try to extend his streak of 113 successful extra-points this fall.

Depth and experience are even more prevalent on defense. The return of such quality starters as Steve Matejka, James Bevil, and Tyler Mucho prompted coach John Jenkins to change to a four-man defensive front during spring drills. Houston's secondary could prove to be its primary strength with the presence of starters Jerry Parks, Daniel Johnson, John Brown, and Jamie Mouton. Linebackers Eric Blount and Ryan McCoy comprise the heart of a defense which took its lumps last season and benefited greatly from the ability of its own offense to score virtually at will.

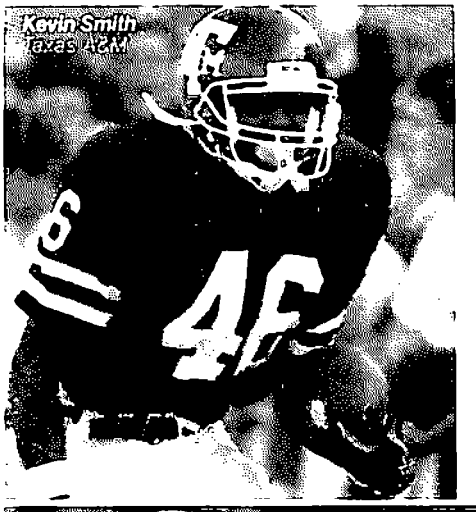
Newcomers to watch include Fred Gilbert, a transfer receiver from UCLA, and Nigel Ventress, a transfer defensive tackle from LSU. A September 12 game at Miami looms as the litmus test for a Houston team which could have measured its total offense last year in miles (3.67) instead of yards.

TEXAS A&M

An extensive rebuilding project on offense was the focal point of spring drills for the Aggies, who will be trying to improve on last year's 9-3-1 record under R.C Slocum. Then again, after a succession of superior recruiting classes, all A&M may have to do is reload

Verlond Brown
Houston

Bucky Richardson
Texas A&M


Kevin Smith
Texas A&M

Eric Blount
Houston

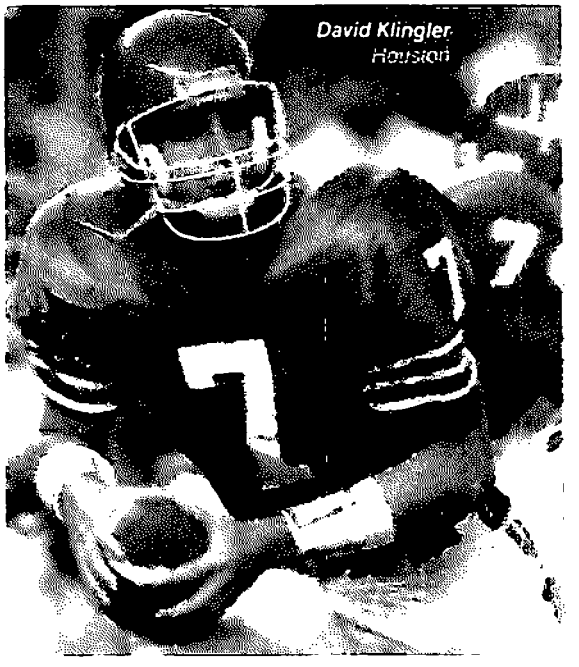
1991 all-southwest team

offense

Quarterback.. David Klingler.. SR.. Houston
Running back.. Butch Hadnot.. SO.. Texas
Running back.. Trevor Cobb.. JR.. Rice
Wide receiver.. Rodney Blackshear.. SR.. Texas Tech
Wide receiver.. Tracy Good.. JR.. Houston
Tight end.. Kelly Blackwell.. SR.. Texas Christian
Tackle.. Charles Biggurs.. JR.. Texas Tech
Tackle.. Chuck Johnson.. SR.. Texas
Guard.. Mike Gisler.. SR.. Houston
Guard.. Monte Jones.. SR.. Baylor
Center.. Mark Henry.. SR.. Arkansas
Place-kicker.. Roman Anderson.. SR.. Houston

defense

Line.. Shane Dronett.. JR.. Texas
Line.. Robin Jones.. SR.. Baylor
Line.. Santana Dotson.. SR.. Baylor
Line.. James Patton.. SR.. Texas
Linebacker.. Eric Blount.. JR.. Houston
Linebacker.. Anthony Curl.. JR.. Texas
Linebacker.. Anthony Williams.. SR.. Texas A&M
Back.. Jerry Parks.. SR.. Houston
Back.. Kevin Smith.. SR.. Texas A&M
Back.. Lance Gunn.. JR.. Texas
Back.. Tracy Saul.. JR.. Texas Tech
Punter.. Pete Rasher.. JR.. Arkansas


David Klingler
Houston

an offense which came of age in a lopsided Holiday Bowl victory over Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer and Brigham Young.

Quarterback Bucky Richardson and right guard John Ellisor are the only veteran holdovers from a unit that established an SWC record with 3,829 yards rushing and a university record with 5,653 yards total offense. Junior fullback Robert Wilson joined the exodus by declaring for the NFL draft. As a result, the Aggies are expected to have more speed than brute strength in their backfield. Randy Simmons, Doug Carter, Keith McAfee, and Greg Hill should shoulder most of the burden left by the loss of Wilson and Darren Lewis, who finished his career as the fifth-most prolific rusher in NCAA history. Richardson will have to introduce himself to a new group of receivers since Tony Harrison, Brian Mitchell, and Ryan Matthews were the only wideouts on scholarship during spring practice. In addition to Ellisor, line help will come from Keith Alex, Troy Whitmore, and Greg Lakin.

The situation isn't much brighter in a defensive front that must hope for quick progress from sophomores Lance Teichelman and Eric England and senior end Mark Wheeler, all of whom were reserves last fall. Talent and experience are assets at linebacker, as starters Anthony Williams, Quentin Coryatt, and Marcus Buckley return to help form the heart of the Aggies' 3-4 defense. The growing popularity of pass-oriented offenses in the SWC has increased the importance of having a capable secondary. Cornerbacks Kevin Smith and Derrick Frazier and strong safety Chris Crooms are expected to join UCLA transfer Patrick Bates in what could prove to be one of the top defensive backfields in the nation. Smith's next interception will establish an SWC record.

Incoming freshmen Sean Terry and Keith Waguespack could contend for the Aggies' punting and place-kicking duties, respectively. Terry Venetoulias kicked off for the Aggies last season but has yet to attempt an extra point or field goal during his college career.

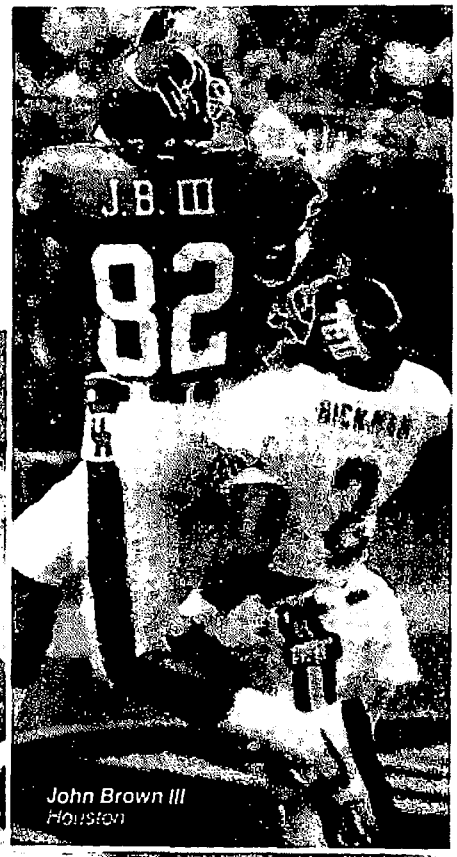
BAYLOR

On the surface, it would appear the Bears have the foundation to contend for an SWC title with nine starters returning on offense. But Grant Teaff, who is entering his 20th year as Baylor's head coach, won't be satisfied his team can be a championship contender until sufficient depth is found. Emphasizing the need for fewer turnovers on offense and creating more big plays on defense was the theme of the Bears' spring camp.

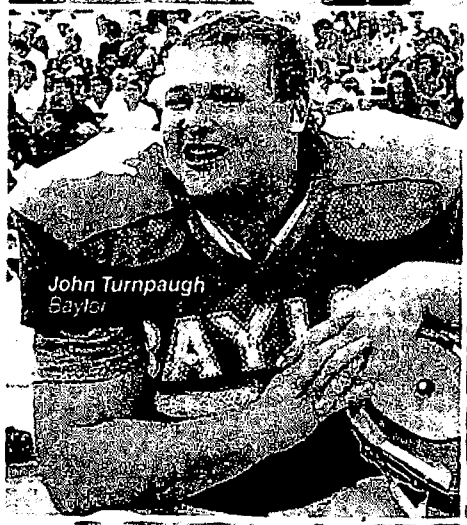
Offensively, Teaff would like the Bears to come out of hibernation. A huge line which averages 278 pounds from tackle to tackle returns intact to create running room for heralded sophomore Robert Strait and pass protection for quarterbacks J.J. Joe and Steve Needham. Craig Bellamy, John Turnpaugh, Scott Baehren, Monte Jones, and Adam Arroyo form the SWC's beefiest offensive front. Strait rushed for nine touchdowns a year ago, but bigger things are expected of a player regarded as Texas's top prep running back three years ago. Other pieces of the Bears' puzzle on offense should be provided by X-back Melvin Bonner, tailback David Mims, and receivers Reggie Miller and Lee Miles.

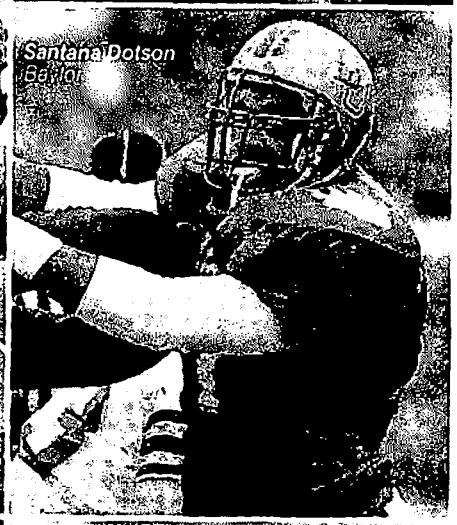
Baylor's defense received a big boost during the off season when end Santana Dotson decided not to enter the NFL draft. Dotson, being touted as a candidate for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award, also will be used at tackle along with standout Marcus Lowe. Robin Jones returns at the other end, but depth is a concern in the line and at linebacker. Lee Bruderer, Curtis Hafford and Brian Hand all have starting experience at linebacker for the Bears, who must find quality reserves if they are to match last year's high level of consistency. Safeties Trooper Taylor and Michael McFarland will patrol a secondary which lacks experience at cornerback.

Ryan McCoy
Houston

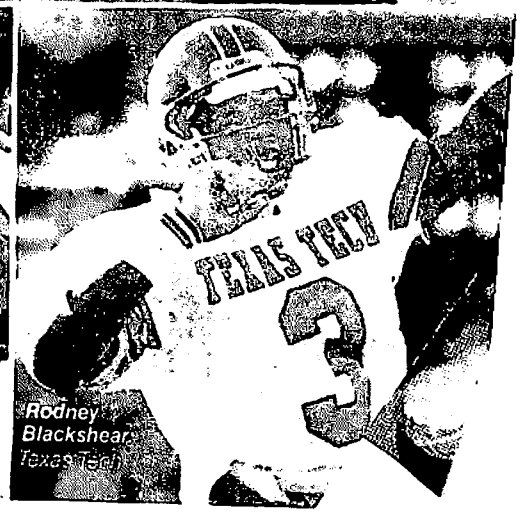


John Brown III
Houston


John Turnpaugh
Baylor


Santana Dotson
Baylor

Monte Jones
Baylor



Rodney Blackshear
Texas Tech

The kicking game should be adequate with the return of punter Kent Brentham and placekicker Jeff Ireland.

TEXAS TECH

A harrowing succession of injuries, an inconsistent defense, and a lackluster kicking game combined to saddle the Red Raiders with a 4-7 record last season under Spike Dykes. Several question marks remain on defense, but Tech should have enough firepower on offense to challenge for a bowl berth if enough key players remain healthy.

By switching to a 3-4 alignment on defense, the Red Raiders hope to increase team speed. Middle linebacker Matt Wingo and free safety Tracy Saul are the most decorated members of a defensive unit which yielded 40 or more points in five games. Saul also has led the SWC in punt returns in each of the past two seasons. Mike Liscio, a junior end who was in on 12 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and caused three fumbles a year ago, will anchor the line. Elsewhere, as one humorist remarked, Tech's defense has more holes than an Iraqi missile installation. Saul and Brian Dubiski are the experienced members of a secondary that proved extremely vulnerable to the pass last fall. JC transfers Quincy White, Thomas Cale, Harry Dyas and Steve Hoffman will add bulk up front.

Team mascot Raider Red shot himself in the foot more frequently than he fired his pistol in the air to celebrate Tech touchdowns last fall. The Red Raiders committed 38 turnovers, the most troublesome statistic in a disappointing season. The backfield combination of quarterback Jamie Gill and running backs Anthony Lynn and Donald Marshall should keep the chains moving this season with help from receivers Rodney Blackshear, Lloyd Hill, and Anthony Stinnett. Blackshear led all NCAA receivers in 1990 with an average of 22.1 yards per reception. Hefty Jason Duvall and Charlie Biggurs are mainstays in an offensive line that will need assistance from such unproven players as Andy Chance, Mike Moore, and Brad Elam. The demise of West Texas State's football program could greatly benefit Tech with the presence of tackle Jay Clark, guard Stance Labay, and punter Mark Bounds.

Trey Teichelman
Rice

RICE

Fifty-four inches. That's how close the Owls came last fall to achieving the university's first winning season in 27 years. A missed two-point conversion in the late moments of Rice's final game of the season prevented coach Fred Goldsmith's team from earning a bowl bid. Whether this will be the season the Owls finally secure that elusive winning record will depend largely on how well the offense is able to replace the passing talents and leadership ability of quarterback Donald Hollas.

Greg Willig and Randall Schultz are the prime candidates to replace Hollas, who was selected by Cincinnati in the fourth round of the NFL draft. Trevor Cobb, who became the first 1,000-yard rusher in Rice history by rushing for 1,325 yards last fall as a sophomore, needs only 47 yards to establish a university career rushing record. Eric Henley and Chris Miller headline a solid receiving corps, while guards Trey Teichelman and Larry Stuppy, tackles Mike Applebaum and Billy Baldwin, and tight end Kolis Crier anchor an experienced line.

Eric Henley
Rice

Matt Sign
Rice

Outside linebacker Alonzo Williams and nose guard Matt Sign are the projected leaders in a defensive unit that returns seven starters from last year's 5-6 team. Inside linebacker Joey Wheeler, end Shawn Alberding, tackle Corey Seymour, free safety David Griffin, and cornerback Antonio Wilson are the Owls' other players with starting experience.

Darrell Richardson likely will take over the Owls' place-kicking duties despite missing considerable time in spring drills to maintain his spot as a starter in Rice's pitching rotation. Sam Baldwin, another redshirt freshman, is on a long list of punting prospects.

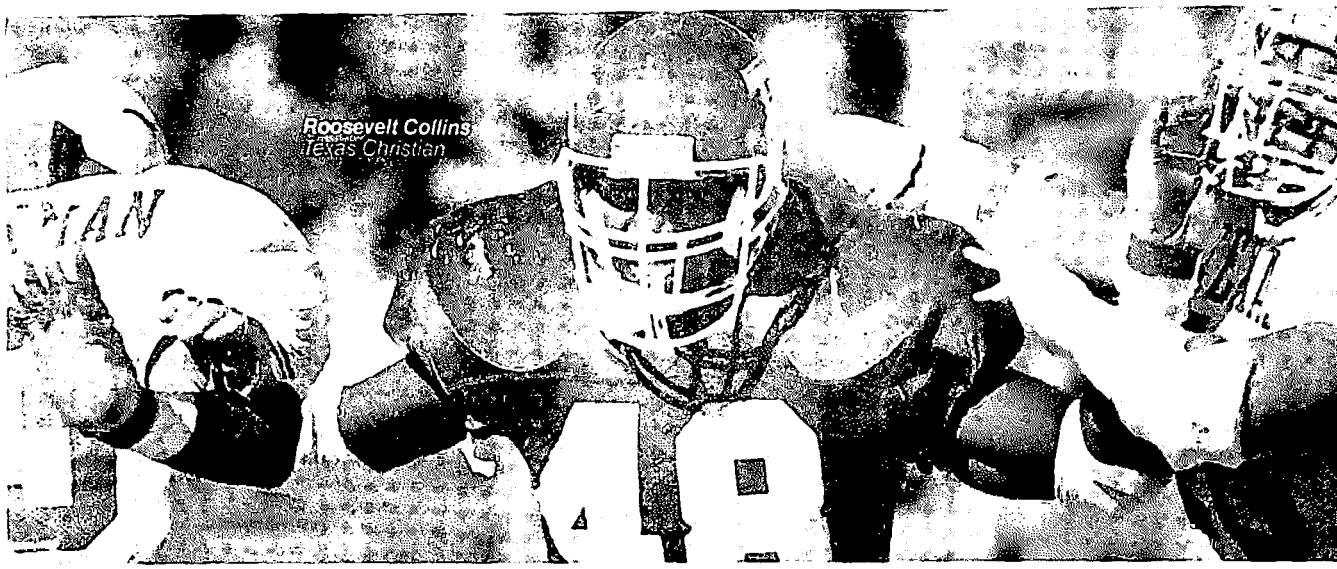
ARKANSAS

Having already decided to change their conference address before the 1990 season even started, the Razorbacks probably wish they also had opted for an unlisted phone number. Arkansas lost its first seven Southwest Conference games last season after university officials announced the Razorbacks would join the Southeastern Conference in time for the 1992 football season. Only a victory against Southern Methodist in their final game prevented the Razorbacks from the ultimate in SWC humiliation in Jack Crowe's first year as Arkansas' head coach.

If the Razorbacks are to rebound from a 3-8 record which resulted in the university's first non-winning season in 24 years, they must find a quarterback to replace three-year starter Quinn Grovey. Gary Adams and Jason Allen were the leading contenders for the job as spring drills ended, but neither had established himself as the top candidate. The fullback position is another area of concern for Crowe, who is searching for a player with the combined ability to be a short-yardage runner, a point-of-attack blocker, and a solid pass blocker to fill the role. E.D. Jackson and junior-college transfers Freddie Bradley and Tony Jeffery should be among Arkansas' most prolific ground-gainers this fall. Bradley broke O.J. Simpson's rushing records at Moorpark, CA, JC and Jeffery led Coffeyville, KS, to a national junior-college championship.

Trevor Cobb
Rice

Fortifying a young offensive line that includes sophomores Chris Oliver and Ray Straschinske and center Mark Henry will be of


Roosevelt Collins
Texas Christian

vital importance if the team's offensive production is to improve. Isaac Davis, Stephan Walls, Chris Williams, and Ronnie Marlow all were moved from defense to the offensive front during spring drills. Tight end Lyndy Lindsey joins Henry as the only seniors in the Razorbacks' projected first-team offense. Lee Keith, a transfer from Oklahoma State, and Sedric Fillmore should develop into dangerous pass receivers.

Generating a pass rush is the primary goal for a defensive unit that allowed opponents to complete 66 percent of their passes a year ago, a disturbing statistic that prompted Arkansas to appoint Joe Kines as its new defensive coordinator. Outside linebackers Darwin Ireland, Tyrone Chatman, and Ray Lee Johnson should team with heralded inside linebackers Ty Mason and Mick Thomas to give the Razorbacks improved pressure from the heart of their defense. Junior-college transfer Darren Cooley is expected to join juniors Owen Kelly and Scott Long as the most experienced performers in the line.

Michael James, Curtis Banks, and Rick David are the only holdovers in the secondary, forcing the Razorbacks to rebuild with such newcomers as former tailback Ron Dickerson, transfer Jeff Davis, Ivan Pickett and Carey Kennedy, and redshirt freshman Carl Scott.

A bright spot for Arkansas could be the emergence of one of the SWC's most effective kicking games. Todd Wright has converted on

BIG EAST/ACC FOOTBALL RECRUITING ROUNDUP

No one will cover Eastern football recruiting like the *Big East/ACC Football Recruiting Roundup*. That we promise. For only $39.95, you'll get seven monthly tabloid-style magazines starting in July. In those seven issues, you'll receive state-by-state reports on the top prospects in each area. There will be features on the top recruits, coaches and programs in the East. There will be comprehensive information on the recruits along the East coast, as well as the recruiting efforts of the individual Big East and ACC schools. Compare the price and compare what you get. You won't find anything that can match the *Big East/ACC Football Recruiting Roundup*, the nation's newest and best recruiting service. Published by Alex Komons, former West Virginia University assistant recruiting coordinator, this magazine is sure to be the hottest publication on two up-and-coming football conferences. Order your subscription today!

For a one-year subscription, send $39.95 to:
Big East/ACC Football Recruiting Roundup,
P.O. Box 388, Morgantown, WV 26505

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State___Zip_____

If you wish to use Visa or MasterCard, fill out info below or phone 304-292-EAST

Exact Name on Card_____

Card Number_____

Signature_____

Card Exp. Date_____ Phone_____

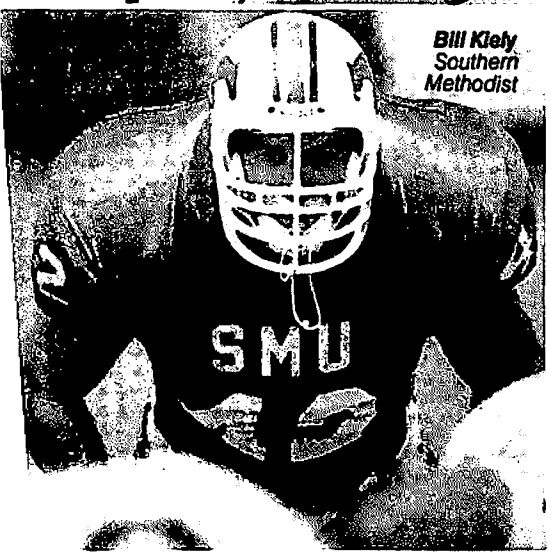
This offer expires January 1, 1992 S&S 91

31 of 37 field-goal attempts and 62 of 64 extra-point tries in his first two years, the best start for any kicker in the university's history. Pete Raether led the team last fall with a 40-yard punting average as a freshman.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

After leading the SWC in optimism in recent years under coach Jim Wacker, the Horned Frogs have reason to believe they may set the pace in other areas. All but one of the 18 players who ran with, caught, or threw the football

Stephen Shipley
Texas Christian



Bill Kiely
Southern Methodist

at TCU last fall return to add experience and depth to a Triple Shoot offense which may greatly increase its productivity if enough quality linemen can be found.

Once again, lack of linemen on offense and defense is a primary concern for the Frogs' coaching staff. Starting guard John Marsh missed spring drills because of injury, leaving center David Breedlove as the only veteran who went through practice. Concerns are minimal elsewhere on offense, where quarterback Leon Clay, running back Curtis Modkins, tight end Kelly Blackwell, and receivers Kyle McPherson, Richard Woodley, and Stephen Shipley form an impressive lineup. Blackwell, Woodley, and Shipley combined for 179 receptions during the Frogs' 5-6 season.

A search for capable talent to fill holes in the Frogs' defensive front intensified during the spring. Other than ends Roosevelt Collins and Tunji Bolden, TCU has no linemen with experience. Tony Rand, Greg Evans, Anthony Hickman, Edward Galaviz, Raiford Rattan, and junior-college transfer Steve Reed are among a long list of candidates to earn starting jobs in the secondary. Inexperience also is a factor at linebacker, where Brad Smith is the only projected returning starter. Kevin Cordesman and Jeff Wilkinson return to handle the punting and place-kicking, respectively.

SOUTHERN METHODIST

The massive rebuilding project at SMU took a new twist after the 1990 season when Tom Rossley was named head coach of a team still searching for its first SWC victory in five years. Although the Mustangs have charted only

Mike Romo
Southern Methodist

slow progress since having their football program sidelined in 1987 and 1988 because of numerous NCAA rules violations, considerable improvement on last year's 1-10 mark may be in the offing.

The return of nine starters on offense should help Rossley reload a run-and-shoot attack which likely will hold the key to the Mustangs' overall success. Junior quarterback Mike Romo missed spring drills with a knee injury but is expected to direct an aggressive unit which includes such marquee performers as S-back Kevin Love and running back Jason Wolf. SMU's rushing attack amassed only 416 yards over the season's final 10 games, underscoring the importance of such linemen as Kyle Carroll, Matt Hart, Matt Wisenbaker, and Oscar Rosales to clear larger paths for Mustang runners. Brian Berry headlines a group of experienced pass targets which Rossley hopes will improve over last year's 9.8-yard average per reception.

Few player introductions will be needed on defense for the Mustangs, who return all 11 starters from a unit which yielded an average of 39 points per game. Inside linebacker Bill Kiely, SMU's most valuable player on defense the past two seasons, was second among SWC defenders with 144 tackles last year. Chris Collins and Jason Bednarz added depth and experience at linebacker, while Byron Bonds, Uzo Okeke and Kenny Rea anchor a line which must place added pressure on opposing quarterbacks. Free safety Cary Brabham is the most decorated player in a secondary which also includes Marcus Malonson, Jonathan Dupree, and Michael Artmore. The Mustangs' defense has established a goal this season of scoring its first touchdown since the pre-probation era.

southland conference

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

A stingy defense helped the Indians win their third SLC championship in nine years last season. Whether the team can repeat will depend on how quickly newcomers blend with three returning starters on defense from last year's 7-5 team under coach Dave Roberts. Other than rover Michael Young, tackle Matt Shepherd, and cornerback Chad Lowe, the Indians have little veteran leadership on defense. Such players as linebackers Lonzo White and Mack Dellafosse, end Chris Houston, and cornerback Greg Boxley must excel quickly if NLU is to match a unit which ranked No. 14 in the nation in total defense. Added help will come from backs Kerry Wright, Curtis Harrison, and Sean Cancelliere.

Ches Liles is the projected starter at quarterback. He should benefit from the return of

Roosevelt Potts
Northeast Louisiana

bruising fullback Roosevelt Potts, who rushed for 954 yards as a sophomore last fall. The line ranks among the Indians' brightest spots with such returning veterans as tackles Rob Wallow and Jon Heidenreich, guard Andy Bellamy, center Vic Zordan, and tight end Craig Pederson. Experienced pass targets are in short supply since Kendall Farrar, who caught only 18 passes a year ago, is the Indians' top returning receiver. Chad McCarty is back after averaging 41.5 yards per punt to rank fifth in the nation last season, while Rob Tallent will try to improve on his 1990 ratio of 12 field goals in 17 attempts.

SAM HOUSTON STATE

Continuing to upgrade a heralded defense will be the Bearkats' top priority this fall as they strive to transform themselves into conference title contenders after last year's 4-7 finish un-

der coach Ron Randleman. Despite their record, the Bearkats finished ninth among NCAA Division I-AA teams in total defense and set a school record by allowing an average of only 17 points per game. How much more progress is made on defense will depend on the play of ends Eric January and Willie Lacy and tackle Michael Bankston. Junior linebacker Darryl Harrison, who led the Bearkats with 77 tackles, could develop into one of the conference's finest defenders. The secondary should be another strength with the return of cornerbacks Charles Boyce and Jarvis Mayes and strong safety Abby Barnett.

Grinding out yardage on the ground didn't present much of a problem last season for the Bearkats, whose starting backfield of quarterback Ashley Van Meter, tailback Curtis Thomas, and fullback Brian Golden returns intact. The passing game, however, must improve with the aid of such veterans as receiver Claude Stewart and tight end David Achilles and guards Rodney Howerton and Murphy Yates. Place-kicker Mark Klein's range extends beyond 50 yards, making him a potential difference-maker in this year's SLC race.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

Considerable progress was made last fall by the Bobcats, who put together their first winning season in six years with a 6-5 mark under first-year coach Dennis Franchione. Even bigger things could be in store this season, as 15 starters return to help SWT try to regain the glory the program experienced during their championship years a decade ago.

Willie Caesar and Danny Faust are the top candidates to replace All-America fullback Reggie Rivers, who led the Bobcats with 1,145 yards rushing a year ago. Quarterback Gilbert Price should benefit from an offensive line that returns center Ervin Thomas and guards Brad Hamilton and Derek Bailey. Wide receivers Robert Gasca and Kelly Dennis and running backs Todd Scott and Davy Smith must make big strides early if the Bobcats are to challenge for the conference title.

A rebuilding project looms at linebacker, where George Brown is the only returning starter. Free safety Rod Woodard, strong safety Mario Simmons, and cornerback Heath Johnson are top names in a secondary that also will include converted linebacker Nelson Robinson. Experience and depth are two assets in a line manned by ends Mike Slater and Chet Hanks and guard Kevin Henry. Robbie Roberson returns to handle the kicking duties after converting on 14 of 19 field-goal attempts last season.

Tim Fields
Stephen F. Austin

McNEESE STATE

Finding adequate help to fill several spots in an inexperienced secondary will be among the Cowboys' most important tasks this fall. If the secondary makes considerable improvement, the team could match or surpass last year's 5-6 record under coach Bobby Keasler. Free safety Marc Stampley is expected to return after missing the entire 1990 season because of injuries. He'll team with end Ken Naquin and linebacker Sean Judge to form the nucleus of the Cowboys' defense.

Increased optimism on offense can be linked to the presence of quarterback Wes Watts, tailback Eric Foster, tight end Bobby Smith, and place-kicker Eric Roberts. A sturdy offensive line may hold the key to the Cowboys' title hopes. Junior-college transfer Marty Posey and Clint Miller are the likely starters at guard. Sam Breaux, who started at center as a freshman, also returns. Erwin Brown has been shifted to receiver, joining returning starter Brent Ferdinand.

NORTH TEXAS

Program sales should increase this fall at North Texas, where only 29 lettermen returned for spring drills to greet new coach Dennis Parker. A lack of experience at quarterback and an unproven offensive line may be the biggest hurdles the Eagles must clear if they are to approach last year's 6-5 record. Scott Dukatnik is the only returning starter in the offensive front, meaning some of the Eagles may look as green as their uniforms. In fact, Dukatnik, running back Robert Blowers, and receiver Greg Matthews are the only veterans returning on offense this fall for North Texas and all three are sophomores. Matthews also could be moved to the secondary. Wendall Mosely is the projected starter at quarterback and will direct the Eagles' multiple offense.

Talented defensive backs Sean Mayes, Wayne Walker, and Donald Ericks and nose tackle DeLon Greene are expected to play big roles in a defensive unit anchored by linebacker Keith Wilkerson. Greene is the son of former Pittsburgh Steelers' all-pro Joe Greene. Wilkerson was second among Eagle defenders last season with 104 tackles.

NICHOLLS STATE

As the newest members of the Southland Conference, the Colonels may have trouble pulling rank on many teams this fall. An extensive rebuilding project in the offensive backfield may prevent Nicholls State from improving in its 5-6 record last season under coach Phil Greco. Running back David Craig Robinson was forced into a starting role because of injuries and finished with a team-high 584 yards rushing. Returning quarterback Joey Primus also was pressed into starting duty late last season because of injuries. Split end John Brown, who caught 41 passes, is expected to join Bruce McGee and Aaron Davis as pass targets. Mainstays in the line include seniors Todd Adams and Patrick Taylor and juniors Brian Head and Royce Nelson.

Leon Poche and Perry Rodrigue will try to add consistency in the defensive line. Patchwork will be needed at linebacker, where Mark Vice and Trevors Baber are the only returning starters. The secondary should be in good shape with veteran cornerback Taras Hughes and safety Malcom Curtis. Few players are as busy as Skip Shelton, who is expected to handle the Colonels' punting, place-kicking, and kickoffs this season.

NORTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Several lingering question marks must be transformed into exclamation points if the Demons are to continue the three-game winning streak with which they ended last season to finish 5-6 under coach Sam Goodwin. Among the team's most pressing needs are quality defensive linemen and a vastly improved kicking game. The addition of incoming freshmen Jason Fernandez and Shane Stephens should help the Demons' place-kicking and punting game, respectively, but last season's recruiting haul isn't expected to provide much immediate help on the defensive line. Rodney King and George Salsberry figure prominently in the overhaul job up front, while cornerbacks Chad McDavid and Adrian Hardy and safety Rob Floyd are back to patrol the secondary. Andre Carron, who has averaged 11 tackles per game during his heralded career, tops a group of talented linebackers that includes Ed Moses and Randy Bullock.

Brad Brown became the first quarterback ever to lead the Demons in rushing last year (843 yards) and is expected to team with receivers John Tappin and Victor Robinson, tailback Randy Wright, and fullback Guy Hedrick on an experienced offensive unit. Tight end Paul Arevalo and guards Bill Britt and Bo Milton are holdovers on the line.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

Only one year after reaching the national championship game under coach Lynn Graves, the Lumberjacks slipped all the way to a 1-10 record last year in a decline that ranks among the most rapid in college football history. The main area of concern for the coaching staff will be to rebuild a Purple Streak offense whose average production dropped almost 235 yards per game a year ago. Sophomore quarterback Mike Goddard, running backs Wade Booker, Kirby McNeil, and Reno Moore, and receivers Shawn York, Anthony Jones, and Tim Fields are the top names on an offensive unit which must improve greatly if the Lumberjacks are to contend for a first-division finish. The line will be anchored by tackle Will Sciba, guard Craig Bailey, and center Scott Griggs.

Optimism is considerably higher on defense, where David Temple, Roderick Tatum, Michael Everhart, and Randy Slaton form a solid corps of linebackers that could emerge as the team's biggest strength. Three-year starter Ric Crowder returns at cornerback, while veterans Robert Sparks and Eric Johnson anchor what should be an improved defensive line. Place-kicker Chuck Rawlinson should continue to rewrite SFA's record book as a senior after converting on 48 of his first 67 career field-goal attempts.

MICHIGAN FANS

Now There's A Publication Just For You

The Wolverine covers all Michigan sports with an emphasis on football and basketball. The 16- to 36-page tabloid newspaper is published 25 times a year, weekly during football season, twice a month from December to March and monthly from April to August. The Wolverine is must reading for every Michigan fan. Each issue includes:

- Complete football and basketball coverage with detailed game and season-to-date statistics
- Post-game player and coach comments
- Comments from Coach Moeller's Monday press conferences
- Previews of upcoming football opponents
- Player features and historical articles
- Extensive non-revenue coverage with statistics, player features and season previews
- Comprehensive recruiting coverage with updates and profiles of each prospect signed
- A prep report with articles on outstanding high school athletes
- And much more

25 issues — $32.95

FREE
With Your Order
Football Recruiting Issue
Includes detailed profiles of each 1991 signee, a review of Big 10 recruiting and a look at next season's top prep prospects

The Wolverine • Dept. SS • P.O. Box 1304
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Please send me the next year (25 issues) of The Wolverine and a FREE copy of the Football Recruiting issue for $32.95

Call 1-800-421-7751 for First-Class and Canadian rates

☐ My check or money order for $32.95 is enclosed

☐ Charge to my: ☐ Visa ☐ AE ☐ MC Exp. Date_____

Card No. — *Charges will appear as Coman Publishing Co., Inc.*

Name _____

Address _____

City_____

State_____ Zip_____

For Fast Service On Credit Card Orders Call
1-800-421-7751
8:00-5:00 EST • Monday-Friday

southwestern athletic conference

ALABAMA STATE

(8-2-1) Coming off their best season in 22 years, the Hornets nourish championship hopes with 20 starters returning from a team that missed a perfect season by only five points. Included among the veteran cast are five all-SWAC players. Linebacker Eddie Robinson was first-team Associated Press All-America and the SWAC Defensive Player of the Year. Houston Markham, who posted his fourth straight winning season, was voted the league's Coach of the Year.

Quarterback Ricky Jones, who set single-season school records for passing (2,196 yards) and total offense (2,606), triggers a balanced offense that averaged 220.6 rushing and 220.3 passing yards. The ground attack will be spearheaded by tailback Rico White, who rambled for 936 yards and scored 12 touchdowns to earn Newcomer of the Year honors. "Downtown" Reggie Brown carries impressive credentials (48 catches for 815 yards and eight TDs). Center Patrick Johnson, an all-SWAC performer for three straight years, anchors the line.

In addition to Robinson, end Charles Northern and back Emmanuel Martin carry all-league credentials. Other standouts include tackle Joey Naylor, cornerback Thomas Catchings, and linebacker Jerich Green.

JACKSON STATE

(8-4) The Tigers, after a year's absence, returned to the SWAC throne room for the eighth time since 1980. And coach W.C. Gorden's team is geared for another championship push with 14 returning starters.

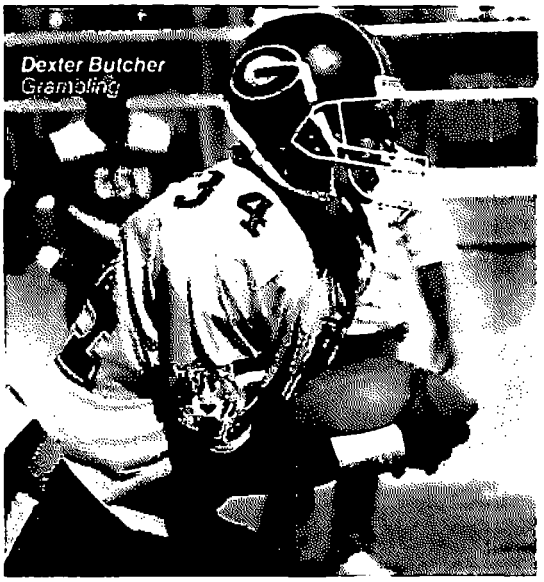
Replacing quarterback Shawn Gregory, who threw for 2,870 yards and a school-record 21 touchdowns, is the toughest job confronting Gorden. Senior Anthony Smith is the leading candidate, but sophs Ricky Jordan and Bennie Tillman also figure in the scramble. Ground punch will be provided by junior James Johnson, who rushed for 968 yards and 12 touchdowns. Flanker Jimmy Smith and tight end Harold Heath are topnotch receivers. Smith hauled in a team-leading 42 passes for 894 yards and nine TDs, while Heath caught 28 passes for 574 yards. All-SWAC linemen Dietrich Lockridge and Reginald Davidson are standouts up front.

The defensive line was hard hit by graduation, but Anthony Palmer, Richard Baker, PheArthur Edwards, Keith Burke, and Patrick Parker will make their presence felt. The linebacking trio of Lloyd Straughter, Charles Ray Davis, and Marlo Perry ranks among the league's best. Robert Turner, who set an NCAA record by returning four interceptions for touchdowns while earning first-team All-America honors as a redshirt freshman, was shot and killed in May. Other returning starters in the secondary include Isaac Morehouse, Demetrius Wells, and Carl Tart.

GRAMBLING

(8-3) Eddie Robinson celebrated his golden anniversary at Grambling in typical fashion by recording his 43rd winning season in 48 tries. (Grambling did not field teams for two years during World War II.) The 72-year-old Robinson has compiled a 366-128-5 record as the winningest coach in college football history. He'll build his 49th team around 12 returning regulars, headed by quarterback Shawn Burras and all-league linebacker Thomas Griffin. Burras broke Doug Williams's school record for most passing yards (2,302) by a junior while connecting for 25 TDs. Running backs Dexter Butcher and Derrick Ned will fuel the ground game.

Wideouts Stevie Anderson and Avery Washington are being counted on to fill the shoes of Andrew Glover and Steven Grant. Nate Singleton replaces All-America wingback Jake Reed. Raymond "World" Smith and Bradford


Dexter Butcher
Grambling

Butler have departed, leaving big gaps in the line, but veteran centers Craigory Sam and E'Vinski Davis are stable.

Griffin is the big name on the defensive unit. Two other starting linebackers, Eric Cato and Kerry Brown, also return, while Travis Dixon, John Shepheard, and Ronald Perry will challenge for starting jobs. Two-time all-SWAC safety Ivan Gerald will be hard to replace in the secondary, but a pair of returnees, Charles Williams and Julius Irving, will help fill the void. Robert Pinckney, an all-SWAC selection two years ago, is a leader on the line. Thaylen Armstead, who was named Player of the Year on the all-league special team, poses double trouble as a kick returner.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

(5-6) The Delta Devils earned some respect in Larry Dorsey's first season at the helm, and they are a good bet to climb over the .500 mark with 16 regulars returning.

A pass-oriented offense features an all-SWAC tandem in wideout Jerrell Horner and tight end Fredrick Washington, along with a proven quarterback in Darryl Cox. The senior trio owns impressive credentials. Horner caught 51 passes for 878 yards and 10 touchdowns. Washington hauled in 43 passes for 561 yards. Cox completed 95 of 193 for 1,505 yards and 10 TDs. Junior Ronald Humphrey, with 763 rushing yards in eight games, solidifies the ground game. Tim Cotton and Damon Prince bolster the receiving corps. Anthony Foreman is a leader on the line. He has a strong supporting cast in Marvin Chapman, Keith Myles, Ellis Brown, Kelvin Delton, and Terrance Johnson.

Joe Wilson is regarded as one of the premier defensive linemen in the conference. Stacy Tillman and David "Dr. Sack" Carpenter are other strong links. The leading linebackers are seniors Eric Snow and Stacy Wright, who combined for 105 tackles and 14 sacks. The secondary shapes up with Everett Nicholas, Ashley Ambrose, and James Williams. Nicholas picked off a team-high six passes, one more than Williams. Ambrose also poses a threat on kickoffs (28.6-yard average).

SOUTHERN

(4-7) After posting a winning record in his rookie season, Gerald Kimble fell victim to the sophomore jinx in 1990. He will try to regroup with 14 returning regulars.

Senior quarterback Nathaniel Harrison is coming off a sub-par season that saw him complete only 34 percent of his passes while being intercepted 15 times. Harrison balanced his ledger with six scoring and six rushing touchdowns. Sophomore fullback Alden Foster is the top returning rusher (254 yards). Sophomore Cornell Johnson is the leading receiver (30 catches for 417 yards). He also is dangerous on kickoffs (24.1-yard average, including a 93-yard touchdown). Mammoth Donald Bullock (330) and Ronald Cherry provide a beefy look up front, while Thomas McLemore is a fixture at tight end.

End Kelvin Coney and tackle Robert Harris

Thomas Griffin Grambling

are stalwarts on the defensive line. Coney had a team-leading 91 tackles and eight sacks while earning second-team all-SWAC. Shawn Wallace, who had a hand in 65 tackles and had four interceptions, is the lone returning regular in the secondary, but Malik Boyd is being counted on to shore up this area. The punting chores will be handled by sophomore Kendall Mabry, who averaged 38.1 yards.

ALCORN STATE

(2-7) Cardell Jones has replaced Theo Danzy as head coach, the Braves' new grid chief. He is confident that his first ASU team will shake off last season's losing image and become a force in the championship race.

Three All-America candidates head a list of 15 returning regulars: split end Cedric Tillman, flanker Torrance Small, and quarterback Reginald Martin. Tillman was the Braves' leading receiver (36 catches for 1,503 yards), while Small returned from a three-game injury layoff to grab 10 passes that fueled a 31–26 homecoming victory over Texas Southern. Tillman and Small are both seniors. Martin threw for 1,503 yards as a sophomore, but his interceptions (15) tripled his TD connections. Ricky Crosby is the lone experienced running back. Senior tackles Shaun Archer and Larry Walker are mainstays up front.

End Shadrick Moore, who made 41 solo stops, and linebacker Allen Childress are defensive leaders. Other veterans include linebacker Kermit O'Ville, nose guard Orease May, tackles Tracy Wiggins and Derrick Ransom, and safety Napolean Williams, who returned four interceptions for 110 yards.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

(4-7) The Tigers got out of the blocks quickly last season by reeling off four straight victories to gain national ranking. But nine players went down with injuries in the fifth game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff and TSU stumbled across the finish line with a seven-game losing streak.

Coach Walter Highsmith enters his third year confident that he can get the Tigers back on the winning track. There is a wealth of talent on hand with an all-star cast that includes offensive guard Melvin Evans, wide receiver Will Moore, linebacker Anthony Wallace, and defensive end Michael Strachan.

Ronnie Tolliver and Stacy Moore shared the quarterback duties last season, but Schmansky Peyton sparkled during spring drills and may challenge for a starting job. Highsmith labels senior Kerry Henderson as the team's bread-and-butter runner. Tailback Dominic Jackson, who earned All-America honors as a junior-college player at Hutchinson, KS, and fullback Rodney Holt, a transfer from Arkansas-Pine Bluff, also figure prominently in the running scheme. Will Moore (47 catches for 800 yards and a league-high nine TDs) heads the receiving corps.

A pair of 310-pound tackles, Raymond Hubbard and Eddie Smith, provide size and savvy in the defensive line. Strachan had seven sacks to lead the team in 1990. Donald Randle, Hermie Thomas, J.J. Ball, and Reginald Stublefield will get competition in the secondary from Willie Montgomery, Joe Anderson, Cedric Maxwell, and James Williams.

PRAIRIE VIEW

The Panthers face a stacked deck as they return to the SWAC wars after a year's absence. The school dropped football in 1990 after suffering through two all-losing seasons during the 1980s. Prairie View did manage a 5-5 record in 1988, thus reaching the .500 mark for the first time in over two decades. Rookie head coach Ron Beard will hit the comeback trail with a squad that numbered 83 candidates in spring drills, but there were only 17 varsity-tested players among them.

Junior quarterback Kevin Phillips, who played on Houston Yates's state championship team as a schoolboy gridder, could prove to be the Panthers' ace in the hole. Fullback Jacques Denkins has logged varsity playing time, while walk-on receiver Bo Gillard impressed during spring drills. Dwane Bonner and Joe Carter provide leadership up front.

Beard, who joined the coaching staff as a defensive coordinator in 1982, is hoping Thomas Houston and Freeman Fletcher will help stabilize the defensive line. Steve Oliphant and Dominic Artis are the top hands in the secondary. □

SMALL COLLEGE FOOTBALL FANS

The Only Magazine Featuring America's Small Colleges

Our 4th Big Year

Conference Picks for 1991, All America preseason choices, Statistics, Schedules, Outlooks and Features on over 566 NCAA IAA, II, III and NAIA I and II Colleges

Preview Cost $6.95
Includes postage and handling
$7.95 1st Class
& Canadian Orders

SEND COUPON AND PAYMENT TO:
COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW
P.O. BOX 8417 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52408

Enclosed is $_____ for ____ copy(ies) of the 1991 Preview
Name_____
Address_____
City_____
State_____ Zip_____

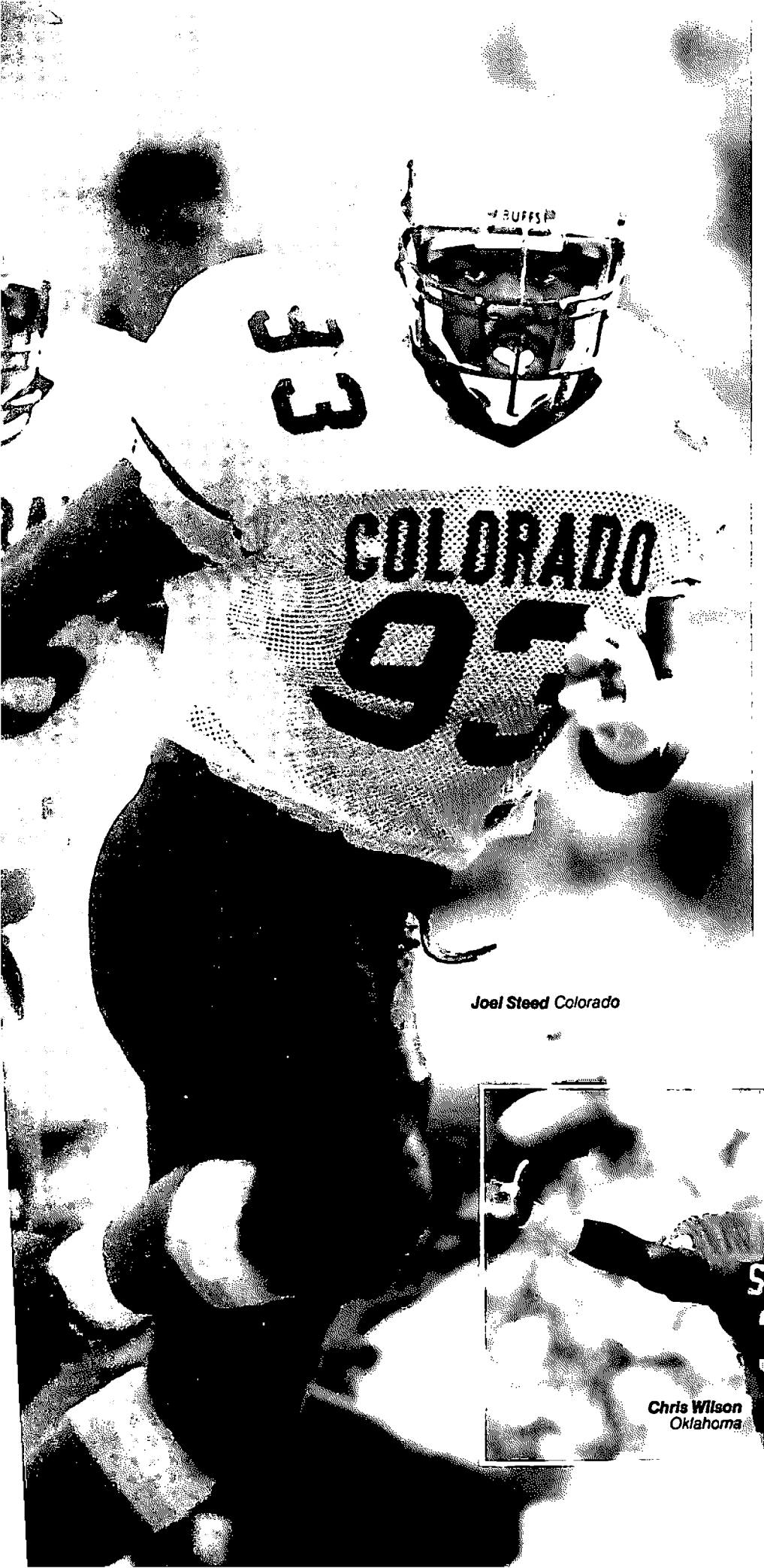
Call (Order Line Only)
1 - 800 - 373 - 9903
☐ VISA or MasterCard ☐

big 8

by BILL CONNORS
TULSA WORLD

One year after Colorado became the sixth Big Eight team in 20 years to win a national championship, the conference does not appear to have a national contender or a dominant team within its own ranks or a clear-cut favorite to go to the Orange Bowl. The defending champion Buffaloes and perennial powers Oklahoma and Nebraska have too many liabilities to be a traditional conference champion. Oklahoma needs linemen. Nebraska needs a defense. Colorado's offense is wall-to-wall with inexperience.

What the Big Eight does have, however, is the prospect of an interesting race. The mending legs of two quarterbacks cloud the outlook. Darian Hagan, 20-2-1 as a two-year starter at Colorado, is questionable because of surgery on the knee he injured in the Orange Bowl victory over Notre Dame. His status may not be determined until September. Mickey Joseph of Nebraska is expected to play after undergoing surgery to repair a severely lacerated leg, sustained against Oklahoma. Hagan and Joseph are option operatives with impressive passing records but who depend on speed and quick, cutting moves to make them effective. Joseph passed for 11 touchdowns on 78 attempts last year and rushed for 10 TDs. Hagan set a Colorado record by passing for 1,538 yards last year and in 1989 was the sixth player in NCAA history to pass for over 1,000 yards and also rush for over 1,000 yards.



Joel Steed *Colorado*

predictions

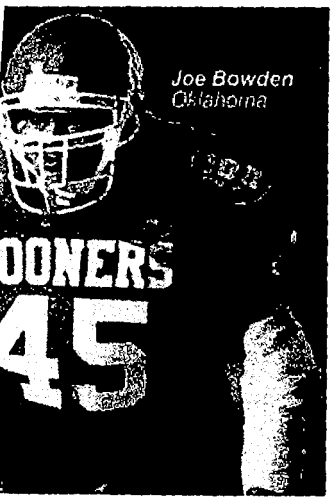
big 8 conference
1. Oklahoma, 2. Nebraska, 3. Colorado, 4. Kansas, 5. Iowa State, 6. Kansas State, 7. (tie) Oklahoma State and Missouri

independent
Tulsa

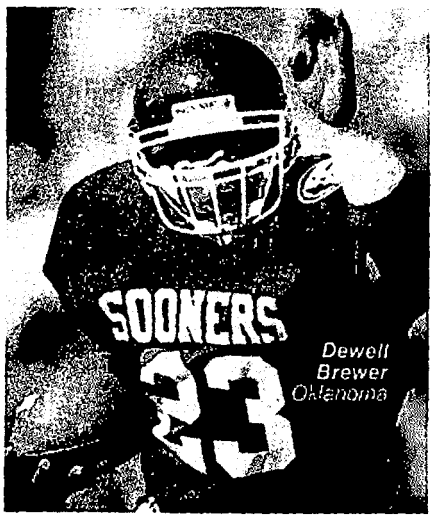
gateway conference
1. Northern Iowa, 2. Southwest Missouri State, 3. Eastern Illinois, 4. Illinois State, 5. Indiana State, 6. Western Illinois, 7. Southern Illinois

Chris Wilson
Oklahoma

y is similar to the one that
na quarterback Jamelle Ho-
1988. If Hagan has the same
lects to redshirt, Colorado fig-
ird. If Hagan returns to form,
ontend for a third straight title.
is strong and features the Big
eman, nose guard Joel Steed.
gains his form, Nebraska might
e its defense. The Cornhuskers
Eight's most talented offense
d offensive player in tight end
ll.
has a healthy and talented quar-
ale Gundy and the Big Eight's
ers in Joe Bowden and Chris
oma is given a slight edge. But
off probation and eligible for their
ree years, do not have the blue-
g backs and linemen who gave
mp of superiority in their champi-
, the last of which was 1987.
between these top three teams
ainder of the conference looks as
last year, when Oklahoma and
ed for second with 5-2 records
r team won more than two games.
five teams figure to be closely
gain. Kansas might have an edge
at will be as much to avoid eighth
will be to finish fourth. The Jay-
e an experienced lineup. Iowa
nds on new runners and receivers.



State's only hope for offensive
with a freshman tailback and juco
ho won't enroll until August. Mis-
spect runners and defenders.
bs thinks this is Oklahoma's best
three years as head coach. A soft
nce schedule will allow Oklaho-
en to develop. But the Sooners'
eak time comes in mid-October
lay Colorado the week after meet-
Noting the parity, Gibbs said, "The
nip will probably come down to
fewest injuries. I am not sure any-
enough to overcome injuries to
."
on the Big Eight does not have
ive strength is a glaring shortage
unning backs. Nebraska's Derek
Oklahoma's Earnest Williams
ne stars but the conference that in
the last decade featured Barry Sanders, Billy Sims, Mike Rozier, Thurman Thomas, and Roger Craig kicks off 1991 without a back who is a qualified candidate for all-conference honors. This is not an indication of changing priorities. The backs who were supposed to pick up the torch are there but shackled in misfortune. Missouri's Tony VanZant tore up a knee before he ever played a down and disappeared from the depth chart in spring practice, then was charged with assault in a barroom brawl and suspended. Mike Gaddis of Oklahoma evoked Heisman talk two years ago before being felled by a knee injury. He has not played since and is not in Oklahoma's plans this year. The same is true of Rod Fisher, rated higher by Oklahoma coaches than Gaddis when they were recruited in the same class. Leodis Flowers of Nebraska appeared to be on track to reach expectations last year, but he lost his starting job, dropped to fourth team in the spring, and went AWOL for four days.



The experiences of these four running backs and the injuries to Hagan and Joseph diluted the Big Eight pool of offensive stars. Nebraska's Mitchell and center Jay Leeuwenberg of Colorado are the only offensive players with All-America possibilities. The most qualified All-America candidates are defenders Steed of Colorado, Bowden and safety Jason Belser of Oklahoma, and tackle Stacey Satterwhite of Oklahoma State.

big eight conference

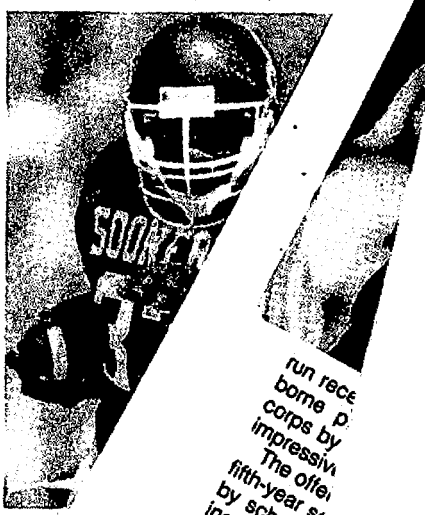
OKLAHOMA

(8-3, 5-2) The Sooners will tie their hopes of improvement and of their first Orange Bowl trip in four years to a defense that is essentially unchanged in makeup from last year, wher it could not hold fourth-quarter leads. Tex and Iowa State overcame Oklahoma with l minute scoring drives to win one and point decisions, respectively. Colorado in the second half to win by nine pointr

Coach Gary Gibbs is counting on r in schemes, with an emphasis on ar pass rush and more blitzing, and to plug the defensive leaks. Hr Eight's best linebacking duo e talent at all of the standup positi interior line, vulnerable against the top r teams the last two years, does not have dom nating personnel.

Linebackers Joe Bowden and Chris Wilso and end Reggie Barnes are probably the Bi Eight's best players at their positions. If Au brey Beavers becomes eligible, as anticipa ed, another all-star possibility will be at th end opposite Barnes. The secondary ha standouts in strong safety Jason Belser an cornerback Darnell Walker. Free safety Ter Ray and cornerback Charles Franks are soli seniors. Gibbs concedes that tackle Stace Dillard, a two-year starter who failed to reac expectations, nose guard Corey Mayfield, converted end who became an emergenc starter late last season, and tackle Russell A len, a promising sophomore, "are not gre players but I think they can make us bett there than we were last year." Tackle Proct Land, a two-year backup, is scheduled t share time with Dillard.

Offensively, the Sooners surround quarte back Cale Gundy with an inexperienced lin and skill-position players who are short c dazzle. Sophomore Earnest Williams has th speed OU needs at tailback, where Dewe Brewer was the rushing leader last year (8 yards). Mike Gaddis, an All-America hope fore suffering a knee injury in 1989, will r after sitting out last year but Gibbs doub he will be a factor. Alternating fullbac yon Rasheed and Mike McKinley c for 1,195 yards last year as plodder



Gur
ceiv
bac
W
r

run rece
borne p
corps by
impressiv
The offe
fifth-year s
by scholars
ing. Last yea
by Nebraska
be large. Bu
Shields and t
turning starter
Bill Ziegelbein
bigger than their
Only four start
backer Mike Petk
end Travis Hill, an
other probable sta
the most promising
Brian Brown and lin
are unproven. The bi
ondary, where stron
and cornerbacks Sec
Cotton came out of spr
Punter Mike Stigge (4
Bennett represents a pla

huskers are taking the attitude that a rebuilt defense can't be worse than a year ago. Whatever, coach Tom Osborne will depend foremost on his offense. If quarterback Mickey Joseph regains the speed and elusiveness he displayed prior to suffering a severely lacerated leg against Oklahoma, the Cornhuskers should have the Big Eight's best offense. Joseph, who was sufficiently ahead of his recovery schedule to participate in spring practice, will pass and hand off to the best group of skill-position athletes in the conference.

Tailback Derek Brown, who wrested the starting job last season from rushing leader Leodis Flowers, is a potential star. Flowers went AWOL for four days in spring practice after falling to the fourth team. Omar Soto returns at fullback but Scott Baldwin, moved from tailback, will enhance the position, even if he is a backup. Split end John Bostick and wingback Nate Turner are among the best receivers in the conference, but the dynamite playmaker is tight end Johnny Mitchell, who made all-Big Eight last year as a freshman, when he did not start but specialized in home-

Johnny Mitchell
Nebraska

Mike Petko
Nebraska

Mickey Joseph
Nebraska

ıptions. If Joseph does not play, Os-
lans to capitalize on this receiver
turning to Tom Hasse, who passed
ely in the Citrus Bowl.

nsive line, once a strength with big
niors, has eroded in recent years
hip limits that restricted redshirt-
r the line was a liability and small
standards. The 1991 model will
will it be better? Guard Will
ackle Brian Boerboom are re-
. Tackle Erik Wiegert, center
and guard Dave Jensen are
predecessors.

ers return on defense: line-
, nose guard Pat Engelbert,
safety Tyrone Byrd. Of the
rters, end David White is
Tackles John Parrella and
ebacker Mike Anderson
igest concern is the sec-
safety Steve Carmer
tric Collins and Curtis
ng as starters.

1.4) returns but Byron
ce-kicking drop-off.

COLORADO

(11-1-1, 7-0) The defending national champion Buffaloes will start over on offense, after saying farewell to seven starters, four of whom were the class of the Big Eight at their positions. But if quarterback Darian Hagan regains his mobility on an operated knee, Colorado might contend for a third straight Big Eight title. The Buffs have the nucleus for a respectable defense, led by nose guard Joel Steed, and any offense with a fit Hagan is dangerous.

Coach Bill McCartney may have capable replacements with which to rebuild. He recruited impressively the last three years. His 1991 class is his most decorated, with 14 of the 20 incoming freshmen having received some kind of All-America recognition.

All of this will not take the Buffs beyond third place, however, if Hagan is ineffective or has to be redshirted. He was the most prolific run/pass option quarterback of his era. Many doubt he will be able to make the kind of tackle-eluding cuts that once were his trademark. If not, the Buffs will be in trouble. Charles Johnson, who replaced Hagan in the Orange Bowl and directed the winning touchdown against Notre Dame, chose to bypass his final year of eligibility to enter graduate school. Rookie Vance Joseph is next in line. He is promising, but the remainder of the offense screams for an experienced quarterback.

Tailback Kent Kahl, a redshirt freshman, is the leading candidate to replace Eric Bieniemy, the Big Eight Player of the Year. Flanker Rico Smith moves into the hole vacated by Mike Pritchard, voted MVP by his teammates. Fullback James Hill and split end Mark Henry complete an all-new cast at the skill positions.

1991 all-big-8 team

offense

Quarterback . . Cale Gundy . . SO . . Oklahoma
Running back . . Derek Brown . SO . . Nebraska
Running back . . Earnest Williams . . SO . . Oklahoma
Wide receiver . . Michael Smith . . SR . . Kansas State
Wide receiver . . Victor Bailey . . JR . . Missouri
Tight end . . Johnny Mitchell . . SO . . Nebraska
Tackle . . Russ McCullough . . SR . . Missouri
Tackle . . Brian Boerboom . . SR . . Nebraska
Guard . . Will Shields . . JR . . Nebraska
Guard . . Bryan Campbell . . JR . . Colorado
Center . . Jay Leeuwenburg . . SR . . Colorado
Place-kicker . . Dan Eichloff . . SO . . Kansas

defense

End . . Reggie Barnes . . JR . . Oklahoma
End . . Travis Hill . . JR . . Nebraska
Line . . Joel Steed . . SR . . Colorado
Line . . Stacey Satterwhite . . SR . . Oklahoma State
Linebacker . . Joe Bowden . . SR . . Oklahoma
Linebacker . . Chris Wilson . . SR . . Oklahoma
Linebacker . . Greg Biekert . . JR . . Colorado
Back . . Jason Beiser . . SR . . Oklahoma
Back . . Darnell Walker . . JR . . Oklahoma
Back . . Greg Thomas . . SR . . Colorado
Back . . Deion Figures . . JR . . Colorado
Punter . . Brad Reddell . . JR . . Oklahoma

Darian Hagan
Colorado

huskers are taking the attitude that a rebuilt defense can't be worse than a year ago. Whatever, coach Tom Osborne will depend foremost on his offense. If quarterback Mickey Joseph regains the speed and elusiveness he displayed prior to suffering a severely lacerated leg against Oklahoma, the Cornhuskers should have the Big Eight's best offense. Joseph, who was sufficiently ahead of his recovery schedule to participate in spring practice, will pass and hand off to the best group of skill-position athletes in the conference.

Tailback Derek Brown, who wrested the starting job last season from rushing leader Leodis Flowers, is a potential star. Flowers went AWOL for four days in spring practice after falling to the fourth team. Omar Soto returns at fullback but Scott Baldwin, moved from tailback, will enhance the position, even if he is a backup. Split end John Bostick and wingback Nate Turner are among the best receivers in the conference, but the dynamite playmaker is tight end Johnny Mitchell, who made all-Big Eight last year as a freshman, when he did not start but specialized in home-

Johnny Mitchell
Nebraska

Mike Petko
Nebraska

Mickey Joseph
Nebraska

run receptions. If Joseph does not play, Osborne plans to capitalize on this receiver corps by turning to Tom Hasse, who passed impressively in the Citrus Bowl.

The offensive line, once a strength with big fifth-year seniors, has eroded in recent years by scholarship limits that restricted redshirting. Last year the line was a liability and small by Nebraska standards. The 1991 model will be large. But will it be better? Guard Will Shields and tackle Brian Boerboom are returning starters. Tackle Erik Wiegert, center Bill Ziegelbein, and guard Dave Jensen are bigger than their predecessors.

Only four starters return on defense: linebacker Mike Petko, nose guard Pat Engelbert, end Travis Hill, and safety Tyrone Byrd. Of the other probable starters, end David White is the most promising. Tackles John Parrella and Brian Brown and linebacker Mike Anderson are unproven. The biggest concern is the secondary, where strong safety Steve Carmer and cornerbacks Sedric Collins and Curtis Cotton came out of spring as starters.

Punter Mike Stigge (41.4) returns but Byron Bennett represents a place-kicking drop-off.

COLORADO

(11-1-1, 7-0) The defending national champion Buffaloes will start over on offense, after saying farewell to seven starters, four of whom were the class of the Big Eight at their positions. But if quarterback Darian Hagan regains his mobility on an operated knee, Colorado might contend for a third straight Big Eight title. The Buffs have the nucleus for a respectable defense, led by nose guard Joel Steed, and any offense with a fit Hagan is dangerous.

Coach Bill McCartney may have capable replacements with which to rebuild. He recruited impressively the last three years. His 1991 class is his most decorated, with 14 of the 20 incoming freshmen having received some kind of All-America recognition.

All of this will not take the Buffs beyond third place, however, if Hagan is ineffective or has to be redshirted. He was the most prolific run/pass option quarterback of his era. Many doubt he will be able to make the kind of tackle-eluding cuts that once were his trademark. If not, the Buffs will be in trouble. Charles Johnson, who replaced Hagan in the Orange Bowl and directed the winning touchdown against Notre Dame, chose to bypass his final year of eligibility to enter graduate school. Rookie Vance Joseph is next in line. He is promising, but the remainder of the offense screams for an experienced quarterback.

Tailback Kent Kahl, a redshirt freshman, is the leading candidate to replace Eric Bienemy, the Big Eight Player of the Year. Flanker Rico Smith moves into the hole vacated by Mike Pritchard, voted MVP by his teammates. Fullback James Hill and split end Mark Henry complete an all-new cast at the skill positions.

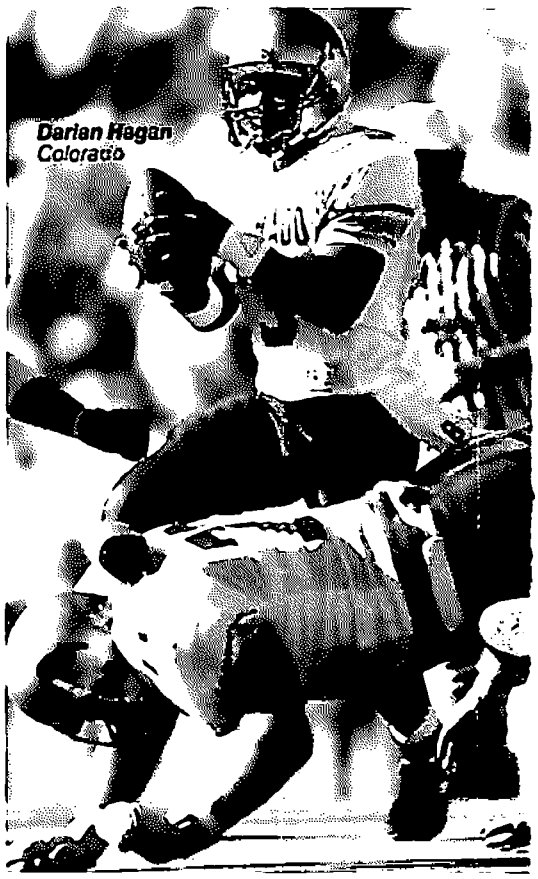
1991 all-big-8 team

offense

Quarterback . . Cale Gundy . . SO . . Oklahoma
Running back . . Derek Brown . . SO . . Nebraska
Running back . . Earnest Williams . . SO . . Oklahoma
Wide receiver . . Michael Smith . . SR . . Kansas State
Wide receiver . . Victor Bailey . . JR . . Missouri
Tight end . . Johnny Mitchell . . SO . . Nebraska
Tackle . . Russ McCullough . . SR . . Missouri
Tackle . . Brian Boerboom . . SR . . Nebraska
Guard . . Will Shields . . JR . . Nebraska
Guard . . Bryan Campbell . . JR . . Colorado
Center . . Jay Leeuwenburg . . SR . . Colorado
Place-kicker . . Dan Eichloff . . SO . . Kansas

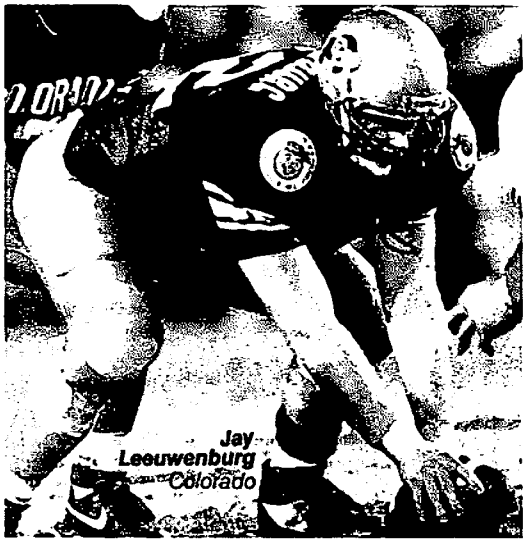
defense

End . . Reggie Barnes . . JR . . Oklahoma
End . . Travis Hill . . JR . . Nebraska
Line . . Joel Steed . . SR . . Colorado
Line . . Stacey Sellenwhite . . SR . . Oklahoma State
Linebacker . . Joe Bowden . . SR . . Oklahoma
Linebacker . . Chris Wilson . . SR . . Oklahoma
Linebacker . . Greg Biekert . . JR . . Colorado
Back . . Jason Belser . . SR . . Oklahoma
Back . . Darnell Walker . . JR . . Oklahoma
Back . . Greg Thomas . . SR . . Colorado
Back . . Deion Figures . . JR . . Colorado
Punter . . Brad Reddell . . JR . . Oklahoma


Darian Hagan
Colorado

Greg Biekert
Colorado

Chad Brown
Colorado


Jay Leeuwenburg
Colorado

Center Jay Leeuwenburg and guard Bryan Campbell are the only returning line starters. Of the other three regulars, only Jim Hansen has lettered. Tackle Derek West is a redshirt freshman and guard Roger Ivey a soph.

Besides Steed, the defense returns competent linebackers in Greg Biekert and Chad Brown, tackle Marcellous Elder, free safety Greg Thomas, and cornerback Deon Figures. Tackle Brian Dyet, strong safety Eric Hamilton, and cornerback Ronnie Bradford are first-time starters who paid their dues as reserves. But a sharp drop-off is expected at both ends, where Alfred Williams and Kanavis McGhee were three-year stars. Sophomores Ron Woolfork and William Polk are scheduled to start.

Place-kickers Jim Harper and Pat Blottiaux return, but a new punter is needed.

KANSAS

(3-7-1, 2-4-1) After being overwhelmed by its nonconference schedule (Miami, Virginia, Louisville) last year, the Jayhawks play an inviting schedule that could give them the momentum to have a shot at their first winning season in 10 years. Coach Glen Mason, after three years of patient building and recruiting, has the Big Eight's most experienced team:

Sooners Illustrated

OU FOOTBALL

- FREE COLLEGE FOOTBALL YEARBOOK
- FREE 1992 CALENDAR & SCHEDULE
- 18 FULL-COLOR FULL-SIZE MAGAZINES
- WEEKLY DURING FOOTBALL SEASON
- BASKETBALL AND ALL-SPORTS COVERAGE
- 100% MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

VISA & MASTERCARD HOLDERS CALL
1-800-341-1522

OUR 13TH YEAR OF EXCLUSIVE SOONER COVERAGE

FOR 24 HOUR OU ACTION (4668)
1-900-860-GO-OU

($2.00, 1ST MINUTE, $1.00 EACH THEREAFTER; CHARGES WILL APPEAR ON YOUR TELEPHONE STATEMENT)

☐ SIGN ME UP — 18 GREAT ISSUES FOR ONLY $39.90: ☐ SEND MY FRIEND A GIFT:

NAME | (GIFT) NAME
ADDRESS | ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP: | CITY, STATE, ZIP:

☐ CHECK/MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED ☐ BILL ME

SOONERS ILLUSTRATED P.O. BOX 837, TULSA, OK 74101

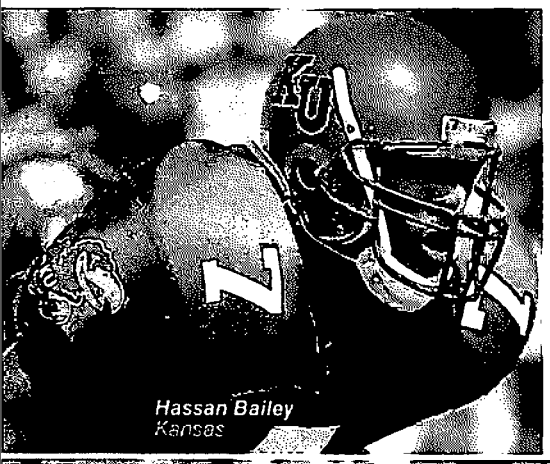
19 returning starters and the conference's best all-purpose kicker, plus the first semblance of depth since he arrived.

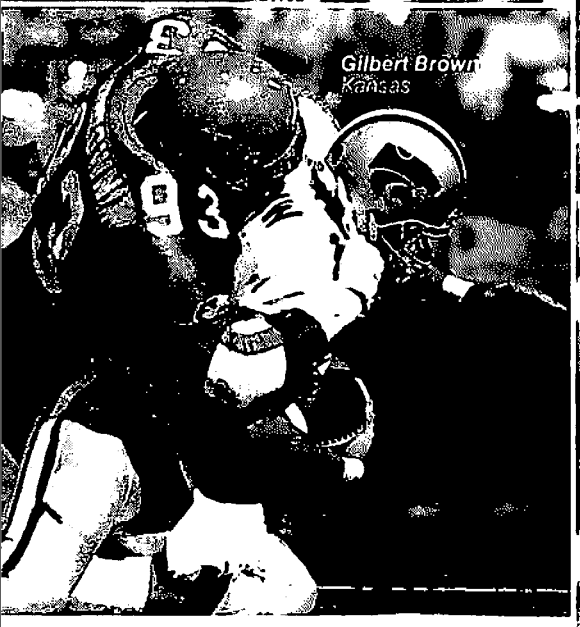
But Kansas was only seven points from being 0-7 in the conference and, Mason stressed, "We must make strides on offense and defense to continue the progress and reach our objective." The objective on offense is to generate more points and waste fewer opportunities. Kansas ranked fourth in passing and fifth in rushing but last in scoring.

Chip Hilleary, the Big Eight leader among starting quarterbacks in completion percentage, and tailback Tony Sands, sixth in rushing (757 yards), lead a returning cast of starters that includes receivers Rob Licursi, Kenny Drayton, and Rodney Harris; fullback Roger Robben, tight end Chad Fette, tackles Christopher Perez and Keith Loneker, and guards Scott Imwalle and Dan Schmidt. Scott McCabe replaces center Chip Budde.

A defense that ranked last against scoring returns cornerbacks Hassan Bailey and Tim Hill, linemen Lance Flachsbarth, Dana Stubblefield, and Gilbert Brown, and ends Pat Rogan and Guy Howard. Others who could start are lineman Brian Christian, end Robert Mitchell, and safety Doug Terry.

Dan Eichloff had the best average among Big Eight punters (42.3 yards) last year and was successful on 15 of 21 field goals, including a school-record 58-yarder.


Hassan Bailey
Kansas


Gilbert Brown
Kansas

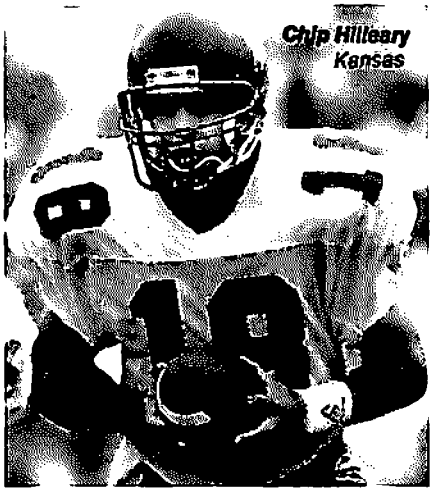
IOWA STATE

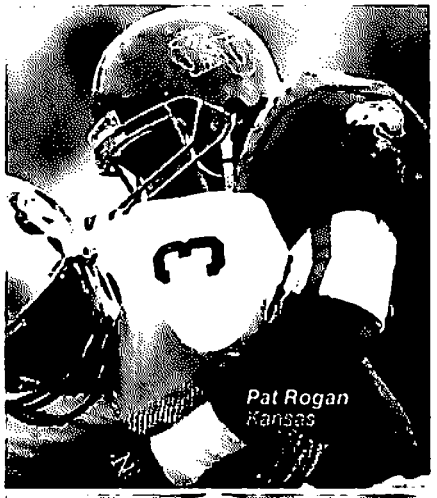
(4-6-1, 2-4-1) The Cyclones scored the Big Eight's most stunning upset in recent years by defeating Oklahoma, 33–31, at Norman. The midseason shocker enhanced coach Jim Walden's reputation for toppling heavyweights. But Iowa State spent the remainder of the season getting upset. Injuries were a factor in a sour finish.

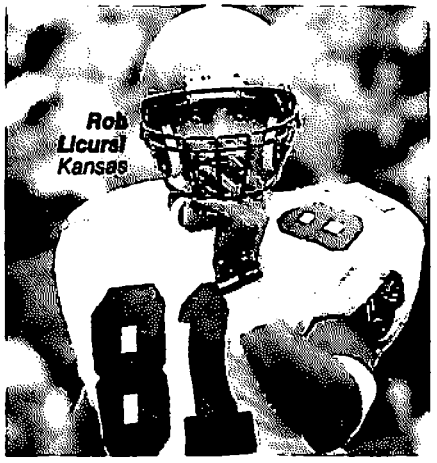
In their quest for consistency, the Cyclones have one of the Big Eight's better quarterbacks in Chris Pedersen, the conference leader in total offense, the conference's biggest offensive line, and nine returning starters on defense. Pedersen, who unraveled Oklahoma by running draw plays for 148 yards and passing for 102 yards, is expected to be a more prolific passer if wide receiver Steve Lester becomes eligible. Lester missed last season. He caught 13 passes for 123 yards when Iowa State set a record against Oklahoma by gaining 609 yards in a 43–40 loss in 1989. Tailback Sherman Williams, receivers Chris Spencer and James Brooks, fullback Sundiata Patterson, and tight end Paul Schulte assure Pedersen of experience at the skill positions. But Pedersen's greatest complement might be in the line, where three 300-pounders—tackles Doug Skartvedt, Todd McClish, and Lance Keller—and center Scott Armbrust, a starting guard last year, and guard Lance Henkel provide protection.

A defense that ranked fifth in the conference is led by outside linebackers Larry Ratigan and Dan Watkins and free safety Mark DouBrava. Other returning starters are ends Mark Dunn and Matt Rehberg, middle linebacker Dan Milner, tackles Matt Grubb and Travis Block, and strong safety Kevin Lazard.

Punter Jon Schnoor returns and highly regarded Ty Stewart will be the place-kicker.


Chip Hilleary
Kansas


Pat Rogan
Kansas

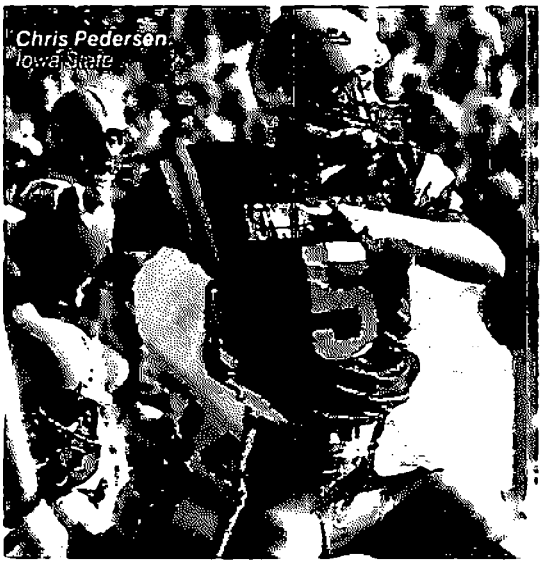

Rob Licursi
Kansas

KANSAS STATE

(5-6, 2-5) If quarterback Paul Watson avoids the kind of injuries that plagued him as a spot starter and backup for two years, the Wildcats might sustain the pace they set last year. Other than quarterback Carl Straw, whose passing was the primary reason the Wildcats won more games than they did in the previous five seasons combined, almost everyone returns.

Watson has a strong arm and the Big Eight's best pair of wide receivers in Michael Smith and Frank Hernandez. Smith was second in conference receptions (46) and Hernandez was fourth (41). Russ Campbell led Big Eight tight ends with 27 receptions. While closing the gap on their second-division rivals, the Wildcats were outscored, 143–18 by the big three of Colorado, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, which exposed their porous defense and running game.

Coach Bill Snyder hopes Eric Gallon, moved from flanker to tailback, will improve a running game that averaged a conference low of 3.0 yards per play. Rod Schiller is back at fullback. Center Quentin Neujahr is the best of an offensive line that returns intact. Tackles David Gleue and Mike Orr and guards Doug Warren and Doug Grush return, along with their backups.


Chris Pedersen
Iowa State

Paul Watson
Kansas State

C.J. Masters
Kansas State

Michael Smith
Kansas State

Linebacker Brooks Barta and cornerback Jaime Mendez, who tied for the conference lead in interceptions, with six, lead a defense that needs improvement from tackles Ekwensi Griffith and Steve Moten, nose guard Evan Simpson, linebacker Chris Patterson, and secondary veterans Rogerick Green, William Price, and C.J. Masters.

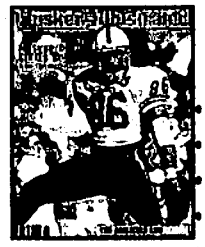
Place-kicker Tate Wright, a pleasant surprise as a walk-on, returns; Sean Snyder, son of the coach, is the probable punter.

OKLAHOMA STATE

(4-7, 2-5) Tailback U. may have run out of tailbacks. Gerald Hudson, who became the third OSU tailback in a decade to lead the nation in rushing, completed his eligibility. Hudson's strong finish took the Cowboys within a game-ending field goal against Kansas of finishing fourth. Coach Pat Jones, who has lived on the abilities of skill-position operatives, has seen his speed depleted by the tolls of an NCAA probation. He will count on an incoming freshman tailback and juco receivers to prevent a further slide.

The rookies on whom Jones is counting have impressive credentials. Tailback Rafael Denson was a decorated schoolboy and wide receivers Bert Milliner and Duncan Boyd were speedy, big-play specialists in junior college.

Huskers Illustrated



NU FOOTBALL

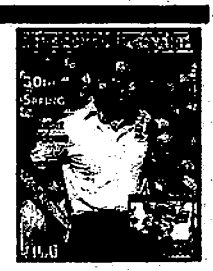
- FREE COLLEGE FOOTBALL YEARBOOK
- FREE 1992 CALENDAR & SCHEDULE
- 18 FULL-COLOR FULL-SIZE MAGAZINES
- WEEKLY DURING FOOTBALL SEASON
- BASKETBALL AND ALL-SPORTS COVERAGE
- 100% MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

VISA & MASTERCARD HOLDERS CALL
800-341-152

OUR 12TH YEAR OF EXCLUSIVE HUSKER COVERAGE

FOR 24 HOUR NU ACTION
(4733)
1-900-860-4-RED

($2.00, 1ST MINUTE, $1.00 EACH THEREAFTER; CHARGES WILL APPEAR ON YOUR TELEPHONE STATEMENT)



☐ SIGN ME UP — 18 GREAT ISSUES FOR ONLY $39.90: ☐ SEND MY FRIEND A GIFT:

NAME (GIFT) NAME
ADDRESS ADDRESS
CITY, STATE, ZIP: CITY, STATE, ZIP:

☐ CHECK/MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED ☐ BILL ME

HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED P.O. BOX 83222, LINCOLN, NE 68501

Jason Gildon
Oklahoma State

Earl Wheeler
Oklahoma State

Richie Ansley
Oklahoma State

Kenny Ford
Oklahoma State

The remainder of the offense is experienced but limited in ability. Quarterbacks Kenny Ford and Earl Wheeler, who shared time last year, may be pressed by redshirt freshman Brent Scott. Tailback Kelly Yancy, a juco transfer, lacks speed. Other returning starters are tight end Scott Copeland and linemen Joseh Arrot, Brian Bobo, Pete Surrette, and Matt Jose.

The defense has one of the Big Eight's better linemen in tackle Stacey Satterwhite and an athletic end in Jason Gildon. End George Bright, linebackers Mike Woolridge, Richie Ansley, and Clarence Nobles, safeties Scott Harmon and Jay Fleischman, and cornerback Mike Clark are returning starters.

The punting and place-kicking will be handled by the inexperienced Rick Myers or by incoming freshmen.

MISSOURI

(4-7, 2-5) The Tigers who have not had a winning record since 1983, start their third season under Bob Stull as they did the last two: trying to become respectable with their rushing offense and rushing defense. Running and stopping the run were once trademarks of Missouri's success. Lately, the Tigers have not done either. That guarantees failure in a conference where the best teams run.

Stull expects to have another solid passing attack. Quarterback Phil Johnson, who as a reserve completed 65 percent of his passes for 954 yards, becomes the starter. He has promising targets in wideouts Skip Leach, Victor Bailey, Kenny Holly, and Kenneth Dunn. But tight end is a concern. Center Brad Funk and tackle Russ McCullough are the leaders of a line that returns starting guards Mike Bedosky and Don Wright. A new hope for the running game is tailback Ronnell Kayhill.

End Rick Lyle is the defense's only player with all-star potential. But Stull was encouraged by the spring play of tackles George Hunt and Mario Johnson, middle linebacker Tom Reiner, outside linebacker Mike Ringgenberg, and cornerback Maurice Benson, each of whom started last year, and outside linebacker Louis Thomas and free safety Mike Jadlot. The defense would be bolstered if cornerback Sharron Washington and safety Niu Sale regain their eligibility.

Also returning are punter Mark Plunkett (39.3) and place-kicker Jeff Jacke.

independent

TULSA

(4-7) The Hurricane's 1990 season was staggered before it began by the loss of outstanding receiver Dan Bitson, who suffered serious injuries in an automobile accident. The season was lost when quarterback T.J. Rubley suffered a disabling knee injury in the third game. Rubley, who passed for 22 touchdowns and had only six interceptions in 1989, will return this year. Bitson, who had 73 receptions and 16 touchdowns in '89, will try to return but is not given any chance of regaining his all-star form. Wide receiver Marlow Fair, tailback Ron Jackson and a big, experienced line make coach Dave Rader believe the offense will be improved.

Six starters return on defense: linebackers Mike White and Tracy Scroggins, nose guard Phil Holmes, tackle Aaron Tallman, and safeties Herbert Harvey and James Blake.

Tulsa's most attractive home schedule in history (Miami, Texas A&M, and Oklahoma State) could enrich the Hurricanes at the bank but bankrupt them on the scoreboard.

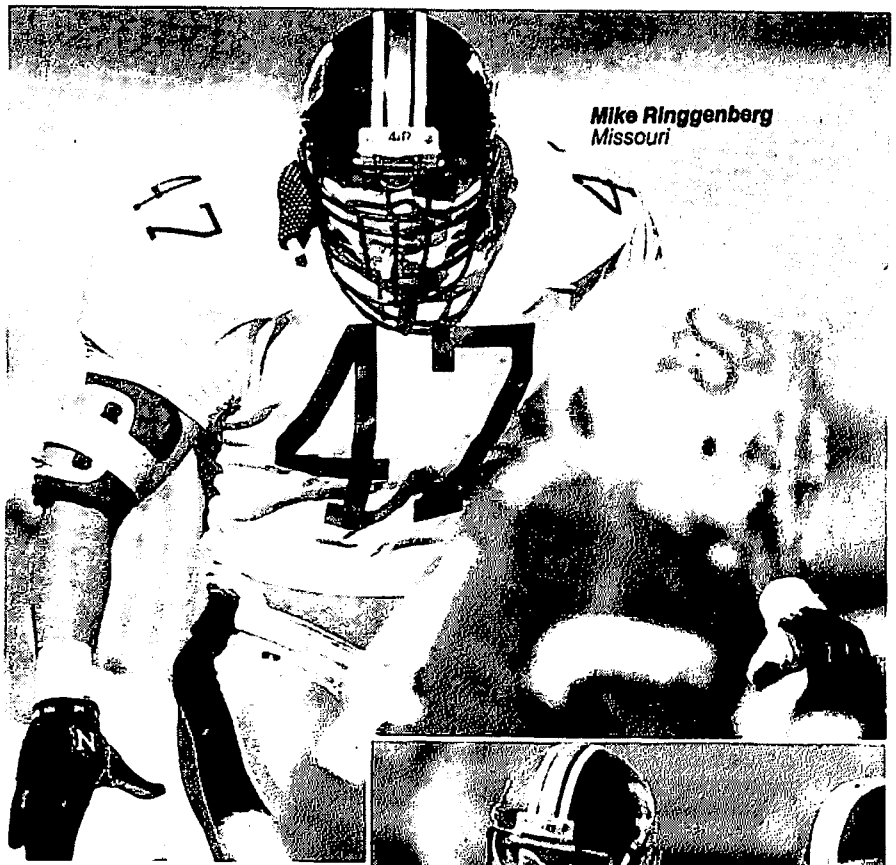
gateway conference

NORTHERN IOWA

Subtract a tough loss to Indiana State (33–23) and the Panthers would have been outright Gateway champions. They defeated Southwest Missouri to insure a share of the title, finishing at 5-1 in conference play and 8-4 overall. Coach Terry Allen returns eight starters on offense and five on defense, with enough strength at the key positions to contend for another title.

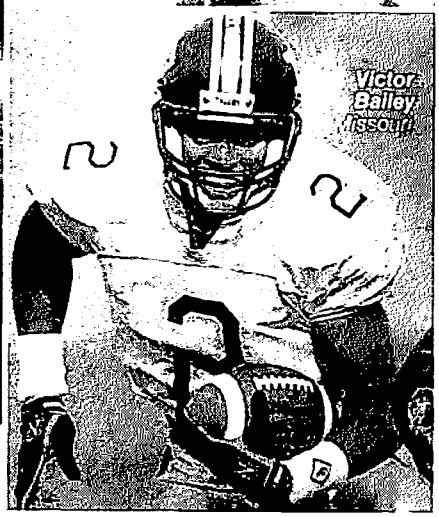
Quarterback Jay Johnson passed for 2,929 yards and 15 TDs. He was second in the nation in passing efficiency and 13th in total offense and set a school record for the longest scoring pass, a 99-yarder to Kenny Shedd vs. Oklahoma State. Shedd caught 25 passes for 621 yards and was first in the league in punt

Russ McCullough
Missouri


Mike Ringgenberg
Missouri

Rick Lyle
Missouri

Phil Johnson
Missouri


Victor Bailey
Missouri

Ronnell Kayhill
Missouri

returns and second in kickoff returns and all-purpose running. Tight end Chris Nuss had 31 catches for 502 yards. Brad Gehrke, Richard Welbrook, and Tim Mosely (who doubles as the punter) add depth. Mike Schulte was the top rusher (642 yards) and No. 2 receiver (29 for 384). Allen must find replacements for three line starters to accompany Steve Dhaemers and Pat Williams.

Linebackers Kevin Keith and William Freeney are "as good as any in I-AA," according to Allen. Freeney led the unit with 85 tackles and 14 sacks. Brad Baumler returns inside. All-GC Willie Beamon had eight interceptions. He is joined in the secondary by Duane Petersen and Joseph Wallace.

Place-kicker Brian Mitchell earned All-America honors as he set or tied 11 NCAA records. He was third in the nation in scoring (112 points), connecting on 27 of 28 field goals and all 31 extra points.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

For the first time in conference history, the Bears repeated as champs, sharing the top spot with Northern Iowa. Can two-time Gateway Coach of the Year Jesse Branch stage a threepeat? The numbers are against it, for only four starters return on offense (and eight on defense). Branch's No. 1 task will be to retool an offense that led the league in rushing and scoring.

Replacements must be found for quarterback DeAndre Smith, who passed for 1,970 yards and nine touchdowns and ran for 824 yards and 18 TDs, and for fullback Eric Jenkins, who rushed for 1,055 yards and nine scores. Halfbacks Shawn Cooper and Anthony Pegues and wideout Travis Ezard were productive receivers. Cooper was the primary target (39 catches for 437 yards), Pegues was second (27 for 430), and Ezard chipped in (12 for 266). Cleveland Antoine is the leading quarterback candidate, but he has seen little action. Fullbacks Jonah White and Damon Frost have experience. The line will have to be rebuilt since only center Tim McDuffey and guard Matt Irvin return.

The defense needs to plug a few holes, but it should be solid. Leading tackler Robert Harbolt has graduated but tackle Bill Walter returns. Outside linebacker Mark Walker and end Andy Murray had three fumble recoveries

apiece. The secondary retains all-GC safety Marcus Shipp, Adrion Smith (4 interceptions), Scot Coker, and Marc Rohr.

The kicking game is set. Brett Von Willer averaged 40 yards per punt; Richard Grote hit 12 of 16 field goals and 47 of 51 PATs for 83 points, second on the team to Smith's 108.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Expectations are high in Charleston with 16 returning starters from the team that finished in a three-way tie for second in the Gateway.

Derrick Franklin
Indiana State

Coach Bob Spoo feels the Panthers are poised to make a run for a I-AA playoff spot. But first EIU must win the league title, and in order to accomplish that it must defeat Northern Iowa and Southwest Missouri State, last year's co-champs.

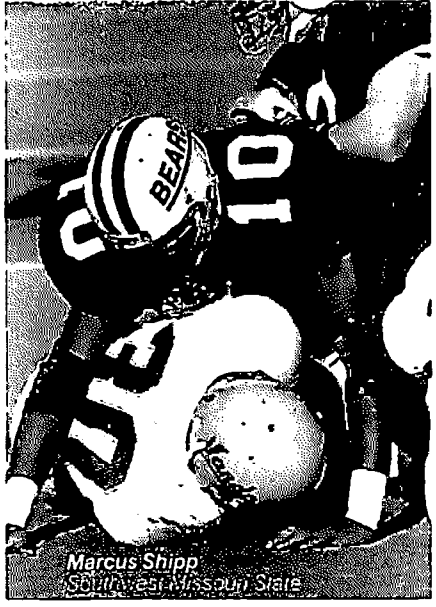
The offense will again center around tailback Jamie Jones. He rushed for a league-leading 1,055 yards and was No. 5 nationally with 146.3 all-purpose yards per game. Soph quarterback Jeff Thorne, who was averaging 185 passing yards per game before sitting out the last five games with an ankle injury, returns. His targets will be wideouts Jason Cook (51 receptions) and Mike Rummell (50) and the tight-end trio of Tim Moore, Mark Grady, and Mike Sahm, who combined for 36 catches for 471 yards. Brad Fichtel anchors the line that also returns Dan Purcell, Brian Callahan, and Tim Gleason.

Kent McIntyre is the star of the defense that retains six regulars. He recorded 85 tackles, three sacks, and returned a blocked punt for a touchdown to earn all-conference acclaim. Tackles Dan Dee and Joe Remke have experience and leading tackler Mike Settles is joined at linebacker by Cam Brousseau and Dan Wegrzyn. The secondary features Tony Farrell and Jeff Miles. Punter Brian Pindar ranked No. 12 in the nation (40.5) and has not had a kick blocked in 202 attempts.

ILLINOIS STATE

The Redbirds have steadily improved in each of the four years under coach Jim Heacock. Like Eastern Illinois, with whom they shared second place in the league, they feel they are ready to challenge for the top spot, with 16 returning starters.

A solid and experienced defense features five seniors: tackle Tony Jones, linebackers Wilbert Brown and Tom Newberry, safety Anthony Burton, and cornerback Antoine Worthman. The unit led the conference in pass defense (130.9 yards per game) and was second in scoring defense (17.2 ppg). Jones was first-team all-GC, notching 100 tackles, including a team-leading 15 for loss, and 11 sacks. Burton led with three interceptions and Worthman had two. Nose guard Vander Harris, end Scott Love, and strong safety Joe Woods have experience.


Marcus Shipp
Southwest Missouri State

The only question mark on offense appears to be at quarterback, where Adrian Wilson and George Brown are competing to replace Brian Chaney, who was third in the league in passing and sixth in total offense. Toby Davis led the Redbirds with 559 yards rushing but will move over to fullback to make room for tailback Ritchie Thompson. Wideout Clarence Miller had 19 catches and tight end Brian Brown (6-5, 235) had 25. Guards Fernando Peters and Mark Lee will be joined by tackle Brent Haar and center Marty Roberts. Punter Doug Breger also returns.

INDIANA STATE

The Sycamores will try to shake off their second consecutive 4-7 finish, and a winning record is a realistic goal for coach Dennis Raetz this fall. Among 17 returning starters are All-America running back Derrick Franklin and wideout Charles Swann and all-league linebacker Eric Christensen.

The main candidate to replace quarterback John Stites is Eastern Illinois transfer Kip Hennelly. He'll be pushed by senior Ray Allen and redshirt freshman Jack Hendershot. The backfield returns the nation's second-leading rusher, Franklin (1,301 yards). The Sycamores have quality receivers in Swann (39 catches for 486 yards), Tony Brewer (21 for 402), and Demetrius Dowler (20 for 269). Kirk Christensen and James Juillerat return at tight end. The line retains regulars George FitzSimmons, David Sharbaugh, and Robert Egidi.

The defense is led by Christensen, the leading tackler for the second year in a row. He was the Gateway Player of the Week after he blocked a punt and had an interception to seal the Sycamores' 33–23 upset of Northern Iowa last October. Doug Dutton, Dyrrah Christon, and Robert Patton are back in the line. Linebacker Clint Davis was No. 2 in tackles, but he is recovering from an ankle injury and may not be ready for the opener. Van Ganaway moves from corner to safety. Brian Bridgewater is the strong safety and Donald Cox and Solomon Emerson the corners.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

The 1990 season was a rude awakening for first-year coach Randy Ball. But despite a 3-8 record, the Leathernecks managed to salvage a hint of self-esteem by winning two of their final three games to secure a three-way tie for second place in the Gateway. Then they dropped their last game, 50–16, to Nevada. "I should think we have lots of incentive to improve ourselves," said Ball. "We'll have to solidify our offensive line, acquire some speedy receivers, and find another linebacker."

Eight players earned all-conference honors, including guard John Binkowski and defensive back Bryan Cox. Second-team all-GC running back Mike Cox averaged 4.7 yards per carry en route to 646 yards. Soph Willie Davis completed 104 of 214 passes for 1,179 yards and six touchdowns. Center Brad Wagner (6-5, 280) was second-team all-GC and tackle Paul Weltha was honorable mention. Brad Velde caught 36 passes for 592 yards and six TDs and Bernard Holloway had 1,170 all-purpose yards.

Kenny Shedd

Bryan Cox led the club in tackles and interceptions and his five blocked kicks led to four scores for WIU. Linebacker Thad Thump (on the all-name defense) set a school record with 27 tackles against Southwest Missouri. End Leo Brown notched 15 tackles for loss and four sacks. Free safety Lamar McGriggs heads the secondary.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The Salukis finished at 2-9 for the second straight season. "We may not be able to challenge for the conference crown yet," coach Bob Smith admitted, "but we're much closer than we have been the past two years." At least they won't have to face the same non-conference foes again: Illinois, South Carolina, Arkansas State, and Central Florida.

The offense will once again be led by quarterback Brian Downey, who threw for 1,968 yards and seven touchdowns. Scott Gabbert and John Rutkowski are backups. The running game is unspectacular but balanced with Yonel Jourdain (336 yards), Greg Brown (341), and Mike Dopud (135). Smith is counting on Illinois transfer Doug Amaya, who he feels can become the premier tight end in the conference. The line returns center Mark Francis and tackle Tom Roth.

The defense must replace leading tackler Kevin Kilgallon. Linebacker Jon Manley and tackle Dwayne Summers should provide leadership for an otherwise green unit. The secondary features soph J.J. Chaney. □

by BOB SPEAR
THE (COLUMBIA) STATE
DON CORBETT
GREENSBORO NEWS & RECORD

No longer does football play second fiddle to basketball along Tobacco Road. That changed emphatically during the past 12 months. Although Duke brought the treasured NCAA basketball title to the Atlantic Coast Conference, the league's football programs muscled their way into the spotlight. Consider:

- Georgia Tech won a share of the mythical national football championship, earning the No. 1 spot in balloting by coaches for United Press International.
- Five ACC teams played in bowls.
- The ACC's 3-1-1 postseason record was the best among conferences with more than one bowl team.
- ACC teams went 28-8-1 against nonconference opposition, a percentage of .770 that far outdistanced the Southeastern Conference's 27-16-2, .622

"I think maybe our conference got its respect on New Year's Day," said Georgia Tech coach Bobby Ross, whose team celebrated the advent of 1991 by routing Nebraska, 45–21, in the Florida Citrus Bowl at Orlando. At the same time, a few miles down the Interstate in the Hall of Fame Bowl at Tampa, Clemson played a 30–0 tune on Illinois. That night, Tennessee needed a last-gasp touchdown to edge Virginia, 23–22, in the Sugar Bowl. In addition, Maryland played Louisiana Tech to a 34–34 deadlock in the Independence Bowl and North Carolina State stopped Southern Mississippi, 31–27, in the All-American Bowl.

"I think our league is very credible; I've always felt that way," Ross said. "A few more people may pay attention because of New Year's Day."

"What everybody looks at is the background of the league and not today," North Carolina coach Mack Brown said. "It's obvious our league can compete with any league."

Be assured the ACC's football excellence did not end on New Year's Day. Georgia Tech and Clemson will be loaded again, and their showdown September 28 at Clemson should be one to remember. (Keep in mind that Florida State joins the ACC next season.)

That will make the football even more potent. Players like Tech quarterback Shawn Jones and safety Ken Swilling and Clemson linebacker Levon Kirkland will rank with the best in the nation.

Among independents, South Carolina and Virginia Tech should lead the way. The Gamecocks, in their final season before entering the Southeastern Conference, hope a revamped defense opens the way for a big season. Virginia Tech is loaded, especially on offense, but a wicked five-game stretch of road games could spoil the record.

In the Southern Conference, Furman returns a veteran offensive line and one of the area's top running backs, and should rank among the nation's premier I-AA teams. Quarterback

Michael Payton and a rugged defense will keep Marshall in the race, and The Citadel, with more balance to its offense, will challenge, too.

Last year in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, the season played out exactly as predicted. Well, almost exactly. Florida A&M, Delaware State, and Howard were expected to be among the league's front-runners for the title. But to the surprise of many, North Carolina A&T joined the race and established itself as a fourth contender for the championship. As it turned out, Florida A&M's 17–15 victory over the Aggies in October won the Rattlers the league title. FAMU finished unbeaten in MEAC play, one game better than A&T and two better than Delaware State.

This season, it looks as though A&T will be the team to beat. The Aggies have the bulk of their squad back from last year, including quarterback Connell Maynor, the league's offensive player of the year. A&M also returns a quality quarterback in Tony Ezell, but it lost 1,000-yard rusher Amir Rasul. Delaware State and Howard are always tough, while South Carolina State will again field one of the league's most athletic teams and shouldn't be far behind. Bethune-Cookman will strive to finish in the first division and Morgan State will continue to try to gain on the rest of the league.

atlantic coast conference

GEORGIA TECH

(11-0-1) With its first ACC football title and UPI's national championship secured, Georgia Tech sums up its challenge this season in one word. "Sustain," said coach Bobby Ross. That's a tall order. But the Yellow Jackets should be equal to the task. Ross returns 14 starters, and performers like quarterback Shawn Jones and safety Ken Swilling should make Tech among the nation's best again.

"The main thing is to sustain the program where it is," Ross said on the eve of his fifth season in Atlanta. "The challenge is there to win the ACC again. The challenge is there to be in the hunt for a top 20 berth . . . We want to do it again. There are a lot of new things for us to achieve, but at the same time a lot of old things to sustain."

Jones, a Heisman-quality quarterback, directed the Tech offense that scored 379 points, the most at the school since 1918. He completed 58 percent of his passes and set a school record for total offense (2,285 yards). And he's at his best in big games. He completed 65 percent of his passes with three interceptions in Tech's triumphs over Clemson, Virginia, Georgia, and Nebraska. The loss of leading rusher William Bell (891 yards) to a season-long suspension was an unex-

predictions

atlantic coast conference
1. Georgia Tech, 2. Clemson, 3. Virginia, 4. North Carolina, 5. North Carolina State, 6. Maryland, 7. Duke, 8. Wake Forest

independents
1. South Carolina, 2. Virginia Tech, 3. East Carolina, 4. William & Mary, 5. Liberty, 6. James Madison, 7. Towson State

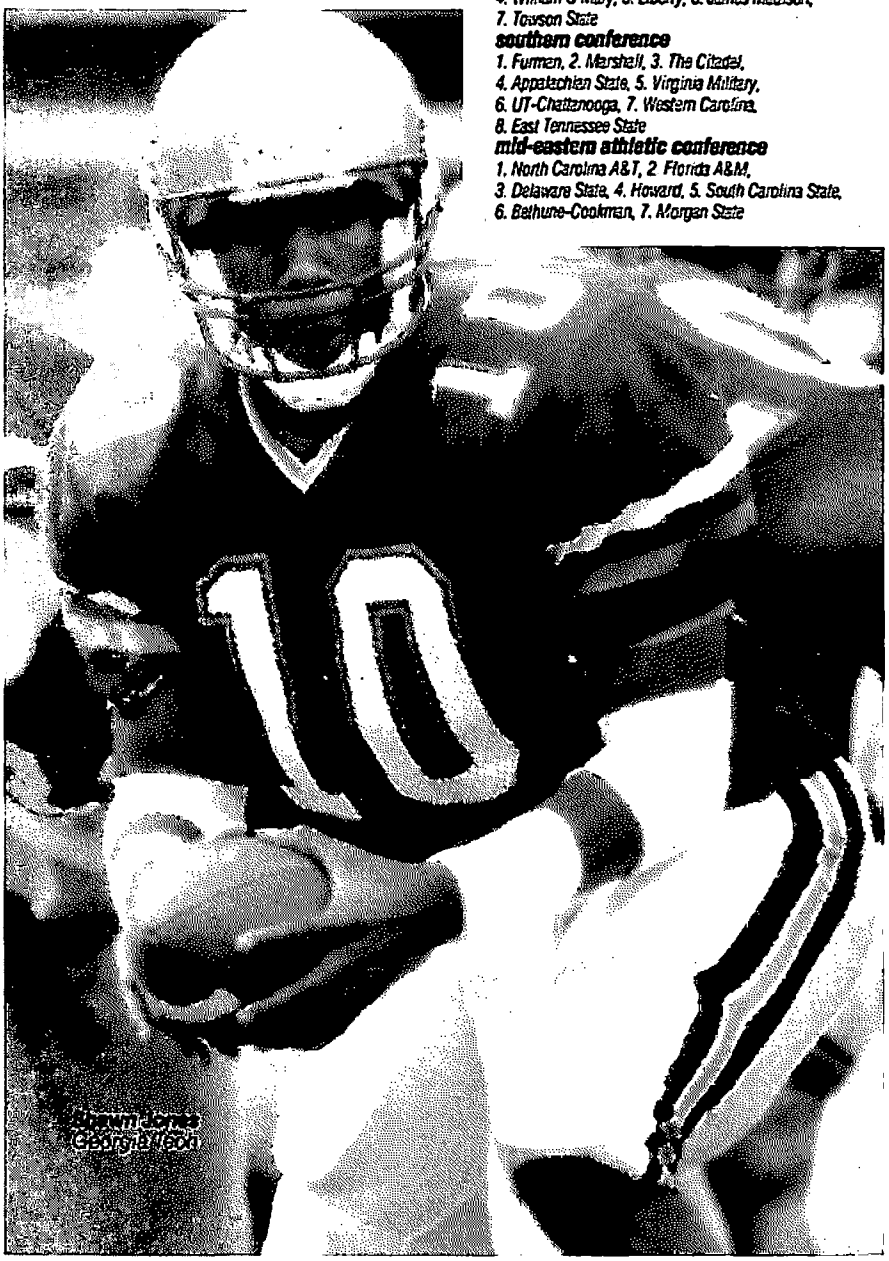
southern conference
1. Furman, 2. Marshall, 3. The Citadel, 4. Appalachian State, 5. Virginia Military, 6. UT-Chattanooga, 7. Western Carolina, 8. East Tennessee State

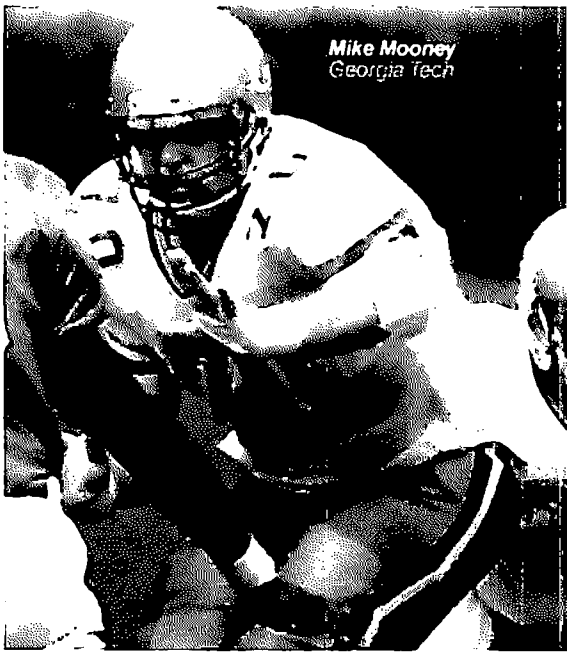
mid-eastern athletic conference
1. North Carolina A&T, 2. Florida A&M, 3. Delaware State, 4. Howard, 5. South Carolina State, 6. Bethune-Cookman, 7. Morgan State

1991 all-atlantic coast team

offense
Quarterback . . Shawn Jones . . JR . Georgia Tech
Running back . . Ronald Williams . . SO . . Clemson
Running back . . Carl Trimble . . JR . Furman
Wide receiver . . Robert Brooks . . SR . . South Carolina
Wide receiver . . Emmett Merchant . . SR . Georgia Tech
Tight end . . John Henry Mills . . JR . . Wake Forest
Tackle . . Ray Roberts . . SR . Virginia
Tackle . . Eugene Chung . . SR . Virginia Tech
Guard . . Jeb Flesch . . SR . . Clemson
Guard . . Brian Boffinger . . SR . . North Carolina
Center . . Jay Killen . . SR . . South Carolina
Place-kicker . Clint Gwaltney . . SR . . North Carolina

defense
End/OLB . . Levon Kirkland . . SR . Clemson
End/OLB . . Marco Coleman . . JR . Georgia Tech
Line . . Chris Slade . . JR . . Virginia
Line . . Rob Bodine . . SR . . Clemson
Line . . Larry Webster . . SR . . Maryland
Linebacker . . Dwight Hollier . . SR . . North Carolina
Linebacker . . Jamelle Williams . . SR . . Georgia Tech
Back . . Ken Swilling . . SR . Georgia Tech
Back . . Gary Dandridge . . SR . Appalachian State
Back . . Erwin Sampson . . SR . . Duke
Back . . Damian Russell . . SR . . Virginia Tech
Punter . . Pumpy Tudors . . SR . . Tennessee-Chattanooga


Shawn Jones
Georgia Tech

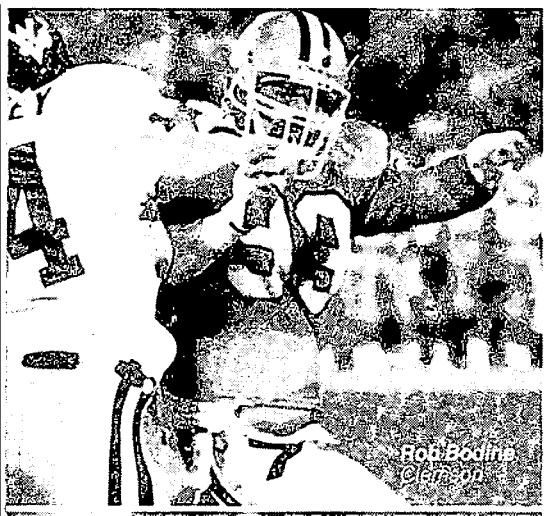

Mike Mooney
Georgia Tech

pected jolt, but the tailback corps is deep, and the receiver positions are well-stocked with Bobby Rodriguez and Emmett Merchant heading the cast.

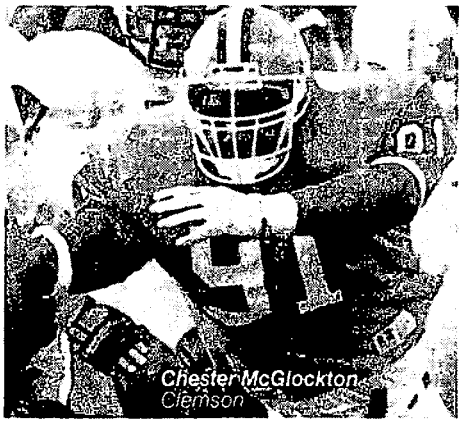
They operate behind a line led by tackle Mike Mooney (6-7, 315). But Tech must replace three interior linemen. "Not only did we lose quality football players, we also lost a wealth of experience," Ross said. "We're going to have an inexperienced line; that's my biggest concern."

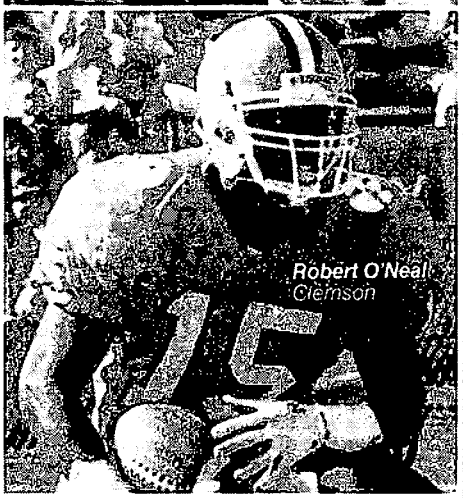
Swilling and outside linebacker Marco Coleman earned All-America honors and lead a defense that should be improved. Coleman ranks among the foremost pass rushers; he had 13 sacks in 1990. Swilling moves from free to strong safety and his 71 tackles should increase with a more active role. But that's not all. Kevin Battle (6-5, 295) is tough to handle at middle guard and Coleman Rudolph returns at tackle. Marlon Williams plays opposite Coleman. Jerrelle Williams starts for the third season at linebacker and Willie Clay and Curley Day return at cornerbacks.

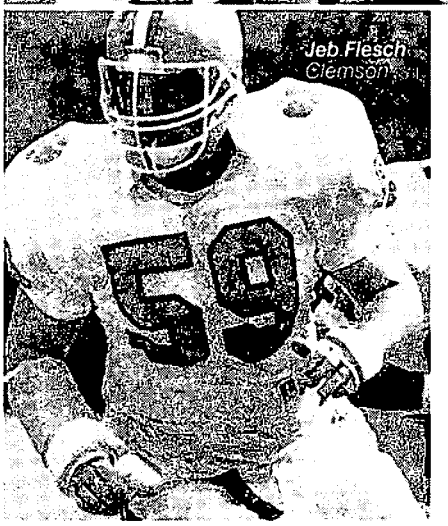
If that's not enough to make foes cringe, Ross believes his special teams will be better, too. "We've got more linebacker and secondary-type people in our program than ever before," he said. "We also have more return specialists with speed than in the past. The potential is there."


Rod Bodine
Clemson

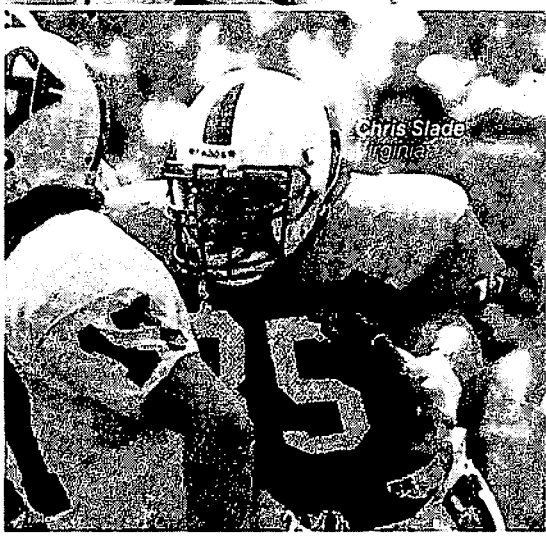
DeChane Cameron
Clemson


Chester McGlockton
Clemson


Robert O'Neal
Clemson


Jeb Flesch
Clemson

Levon Kirkland
Clemson


Chris Slade
Virginia

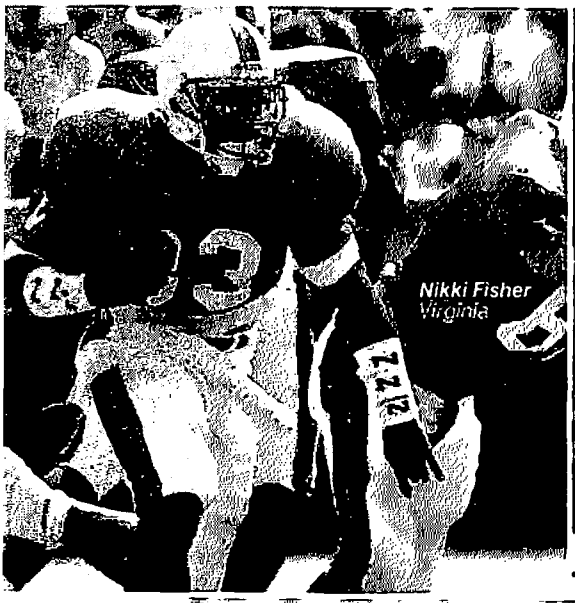
Tech gets an immediate test, facing Penn State in the Kickoff Classic on August 28. What are expected to be the toughest ACC tests—Virginia and Clemson—come back-to-back in September. Ross will know then if Tech has sustained.

CLEMSON

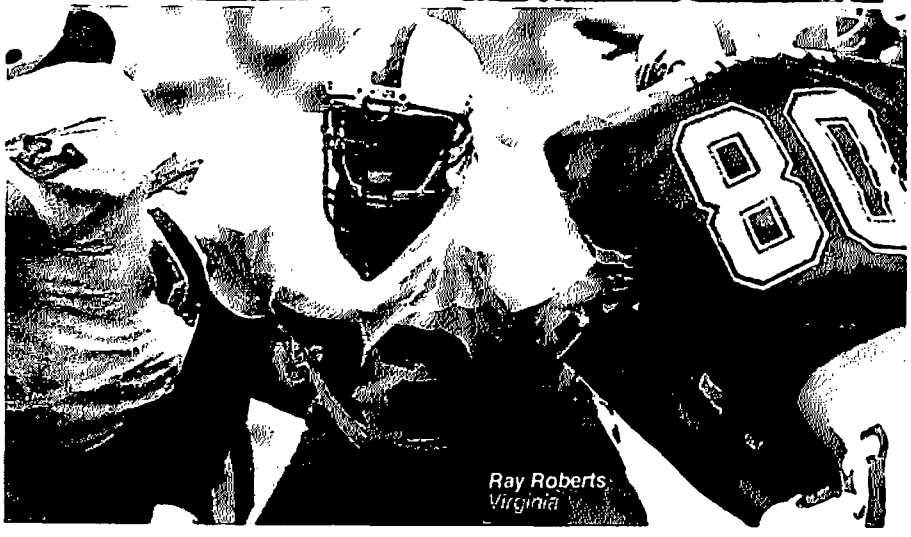
(10-2) The Tigers stumbled early in their first season under coach Ken Hatfield. They lost to Virginia for the first time in 30 games and barely escaped with a one-point victory over Maryland. Supporters of Danny Ford, who was forced to resign as coach in January of 1990 after losing a priority struggle with the administration, screamed in protest. But Clemson finished in its usual position—with 10 victories—after bombing Illinois, 30–0, in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Some big holes, particularly on defense, must be filled if the Tigers are to win 10 again. Clemson must replace two All-Americas (offensive tackle Stacy Long and kicker/punter Chris Gardocki) and 10 other starters—five of them first- or second-team all-ACC. But talented and experienced personnel abounds from a team that placed ninth in the final AP rankings. Although six starters must be replaced on the nation's No. 1 defensive unit, every position has at least one veteran who played at least 125 snaps last season. Twenty-one players had 20 or more tackles.

Linebackers Levon Kirkland and Ed McDaniel will be the ringleaders of the defense that attempts to match the accomplishments of the 1990 squad: first in total defense, second in scoring and rushing defense, and sixth in pass defense. Kenzil Jackson will join McDaniel inside, and Ashley Sheppard and Wayne Simmons team with Kirkland outside.


Nikki Fisher
Virginia

Terry Kirby
Virginia


Ray Roberts
Virginia

All-ACC Rob Bodine at middle guard and Chester McGlockton and Al Richard at tackle form a rugged interior. But the secondary need revamping. In addition to the expected losses, all-star junior Dexter Davis declared for the NFL draft. Safety Robert O'Neal is the only returning starter.

Seven regulars are back on offense, and Hatfield expects the unit "to be a lot better." Jeb Flesch and Bruce Bratton return to the line, and the backfield is running over with talent. DeChane Cameron is the incumbent at quarterback. He had moments of inconsistency in 1990, but he turned in an MVP performance in the Hall of Fame Bowl. Sophomore Terry Smith and Larry Ryans top the receiving corps, and Ronald Williams, the all-ACC tailback as a true freshman, heads an impressive list of running backs. Williams gained 941 yards and scored eight TDs.

Gardocki's decision to enter the NFL after his junior season leaves two gaping holes. He ranked in the nation's top five in both punting and place-kicking.

VIRGINIA

(8-4) The Cavaliers enjoyed their finest season in many years in 1990, ending the Clemson jinx, playing in the Sugar Bowl, and residing atop the national polls much of the year. Don't expect more of the same this fall, but the arsenal is not empty, either.

Coach George Welsh changed his offensive and defensive coordinators and installed a new look on defense. Gone is the 5-2 alignment for a more attacking 4-3. Gone, too, are the dynamic duo of quarterback Shawn Moore and receiver Herman Moore, who ignited the offense that averaged 501 yards.

Matt Blundin, a 6-7, 230-pounder who also plays on the Cavaliers' nationally ranked basketball team, steps in at quarterback. But it's not the same; after Shawn Moore suffered a dislocated thumb last season, Virginia lost, 38–13, to Virginia Tech with Blundin at the controls. Herman Moore might be more difficult to replace than Shawn Moore. His decision to head for the NFL after his junior season leaves Virginia with receivers with a total of 16 career catches. Tailback Terry Kirby, the ACC's leading rusher, with 1,020 yards, and Nikki Fisher (848 yards, 10 TDs) should relieve some of the pressure on Blundin. He also caught 33 passes for 324 yards. All-star tackle Ray Roberts and guard Jeff Tomlin lead the offensive line.

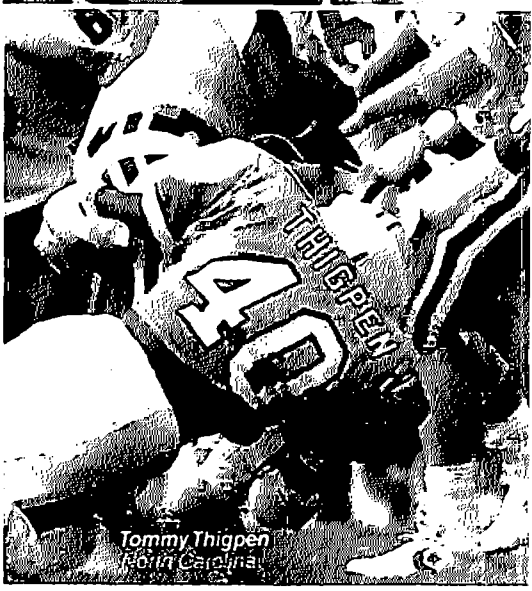
Linebacker P.J. Killian, the leading tackler, end Chris Slade, and tackle Donald Reynolds will lead the defense. Slade, a 6-5, 225-pound junior, earned all-ACC honors and had a team-high seven sacks. Only Tyrone Lewis, moving from strong safety to cornerback, returns in the secondary.

"I don't think we have to rebuild, but there definitely will be some changes," said Welsh, beginning his 10th season at Virginia. "We're going through an experimental process, but I think this will suit our personnel better."

NORTH CAROLINA

(6-4-1) After suffering through 1-10 records in each of their first two seasons under coach Mack Brown, the Tar Heels jumped to fifth in the league and darn near attained their goal of playing in a bowl game. With 19 regulars re-

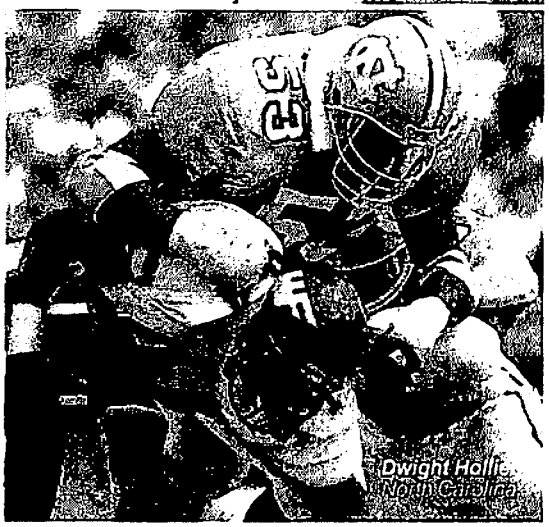
Matt Blundin
Virginia


Tommy Thigpen
North Carolina

turning, their climb should continue. But Brown warns that the next step will be more difficult. "The problem is the strength of the ACC today," Brown said. "Our team could be much better than four years ago and not have as good a record as last season." The Tar Heels did not exactly beat a Who's Who in college football en route to six victories last season, but national co-champion Georgia Tech counted themselves fortunate to escape with a tie against UNC.

The Tar Heels return more experienced personnel than any team in the league, and the defense should be especially stout. Three

Charles Davenport
North Carolina State



Dwight Hollier
North Carolina

linebackers—Dwight Hollier and Tommy Thigpen inside and Eric Gash outside—anchor the unit that ranked 20th in scoring defense, 23rd in rushing defense, and 34th in total defense. The defensive front, where tackle Dennis Tripp and middle guard Alex Simakas are missing, is a source of concern. But the secondary is sound with free safety Rondell Jones, strong safety Cookie Massey, and cornerback Cliff Baskerville.

Brown hopes one of his quarterbacks will step forward and take control. Todd Burnett enjoyed some success, but he also struggled. Chuckie Burnette played well down the stretch. Steve Jerry contributed to the running game, but he must improve his passing. Otherwise, the unit is set. Guard Brian Bollinger paces four veterans in the interior line, and former quarterback Deems May has found a home at tight end. Corey Holliday (28 catches, 488 yards) is a big-play man at wide receiver. Sophomore tailback Natrone Means stepped into the starting lineup at midseason and rushed for 849 yards and 11 touchdowns. Mike Faulkerson returns at fullback.

Punter Scott McAlister and kicker Clint Gwaltney are solid.

"We don't have a lot of experienced depth," Brown said. "We're still in position where injuries can wipe us out at any time at a key spot."

But that's a minor problem compared to those he faced a couple of years ago. He'll gladly accept the change.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

(7-5) The Wolfpack suffered enough injuries to last a lifetime last season, yet still won seven games, including a 31–27 decision over Southern Miss in the All-American Bowl. The injuries forced coach Dick Sheridan to use some untested players. But the growing pains should be converted into dividends in 1991. A total of 62 lettermen return.

Aubrey Shaw
North Carolina State

Finding offensive consistency is a primary goal this fall. Throw out a couple of track meets against I-AA teams that produced 123 points, and State scored only 175 in the other 10 games. Part of the problem could be traced to injuries and illness that claimed tackle Scott Adell and running backs Anthony Barbour and Dan Hayden for the season. In addition to the aforementioned three, eight starters are back on offense. Quarterback Terry Jordan looks to improve on a sophomore season in which he completed 101 of 179 passes for 1,221 yards. He placed third in the ACC in passing efficiency and sixth in total offense. Aubrey Shaw, who rushed for 395 yards, caught 34 passes for 288, and scored seven TDs, and Gary Downs, with 397 yards rushing and six TDs, return at running back. Leading rusher Greg Manior (406 yards), Ledel George, and Hayden are set at fullback. They will operate behind a veteran line, which figures to enable State to climb on the league's offensive chart.

Defense is seldom a problem under Sheridan, and this year should be no exception. The Wolfpack placed second to Clemson last year, limiting foes to 278 yards and 14.7 points a game. Outside linebacker Tyler Lawrence and cornerback Sebastian Savage lead the unit that must replace two high NFL draft choices, tackle Mike Jones and defensive back Jesse Campbell. Lawrence had seven sacks last season and Savage placed third on the team with 85 tackles.

MARYLAND

(6-5-1) The Terps exceeded expectations against a schedule that included six bowl teams and was considered the strongest in the nation by *USA Today*. "We proved we could do it, and the team is more confident this time around," coach Joe Krivak said.

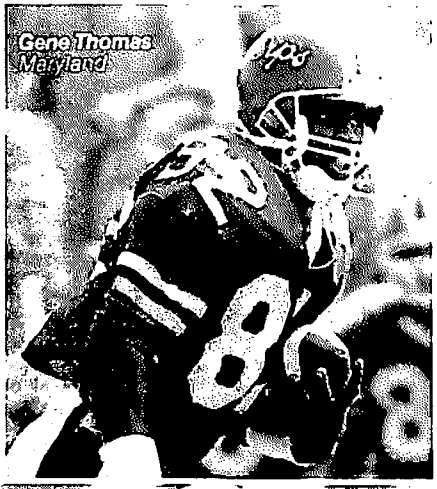
To duplicate last season's success, the Terps must find a replacement for quarterback Scott Zolak, whose 2,589 yards led the ACC in passing. He set records for completions in a game and a season in a school that produced Boomer Esiason. The top candidate is senior James Sandwisch, who completed 12 of 22 attempts last season. The remainder of the backfield is set with sophomores Frank Wycheck and Chad Wiestling at H-back and Troy Jackson leading a posse of runners. Wycheck caught a school-record 58 passes, 14 in one game. Jackson rushed for 662 yards. He capped the season with three TDs in a 34–34 tie with Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl. Center Mitch Suplee

Maryland Defense

and guard Ron Staffileno are returning starters in the line and, Krivak says, "provide a base of respectability."

Tackles Larry Webster and Lubo Zizakovic anchor the defensive front that Krivak believes "has the potential to be among the best." Cornerback Scott Rosen and safeties Ron Reagan and Mike Thomas pace the secondary. "Like last year, early maturity by our defense will take the pressure off a young offense," Krivak said.

Dan DeArmas handles all the kicking and he handles it well. He made 14 of 18 field goals and all 23 PATs and punted for a 39.5-yard average last seson.


Gene Thomas
Maryland

Troy Jackson
Maryland

What the Terps need most, Krivak said, is a quarterback "to bring it all together." Until they do, rate them in the middle of the league, and don't be surprised if they rise.

DUKE

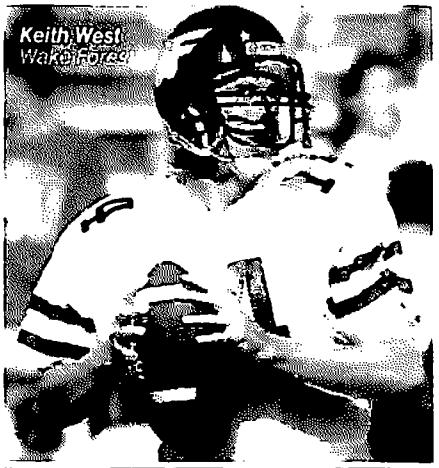
(4-7) The Blue Devils struggled in their first season under coach Barry Wilson, and the reason is easy to see: defense. Or, rather, the lack of defense. Rivals ran with impunity, racking up 234 rushing yards and 27 points per game. Statistics like those generally add up to something like a 4-7 record. "At times, we played very well," Wilson said. "But we did not play consistently. What I'm hoping for this season is consistency."

If experienced personnel translates into consistency, the Blue Devils are set. Seventeen regulars return, 10 on defense. Outside linebacker Darrell Spells, strong safety Erwin Sampson, middle guard Scott Youmans, and linebacker Duane Marks head the defense. Leading tackler Mark Allen (121) is the only absentee. The secondary led the ACC in pass defense (142 yards per game), but that might be misleading. The Duke rushing defense seldom forced rivals to the air.

David Brown steps in at quarterback and directs what could be a prolific unit. Although dividing time with Billy Ray, Brown threw for 1,444 yards and finished fifth in the conference in passing efficiency. His chief targets will be running back Randy Cuthbert, all-league wide receiver Marc Mays (35 catches, 457 yards), and tight end Aaron Shaw (35-383). Walter Jones (19-352, 5 TDs) is a big-play receiver. Despite ailing knees, Cuthbert caught 48 for 374 yards to go with 595 yards rushing last season. Center Stuart Albright and guard Pete Petroff lead the line that must replace three starters.

WAKE FOREST

(3-8) Every time tailback Anthony Williams rushed for more than 100 yards in a game last season, the Demon Deacons won. The problem, of course, is that he reached triple figures


Keith West
Wake Forest

George Coghill
Wake Forest

only three times. With 17 starters returning from the lineup that beat Vanderbilt, 56–28, in the season's finale, prospects might be looking up. However, coach Bill Dooley candidly notes a lack of speed. "We've got to get faster and tackle better," he said. "It doesn't matter how strong you are; if you can't catch them, you can't tackle them."

The Deacons experienced problems "catching them" last season. They finished last in the ACC in rushing defense (235.5 yards), scoring defense (31.9), and total defense (410.8 yards). They went 0-7 in the league, playing only two ACC rivals closer than 18 points. Williams, the ACC's best in all-purpose running (146 yards per game) and No. 5 rusher (866 yards), set a school record in kickoff-return yards (740) and average (25.5). John Henry Mills, the all-ACC tight end, placed third in the league in receiving, with 46 catches for 623 yards and three TDs. The 6-1, 220-pound junior caught 37 for 492 yards in the final six games.

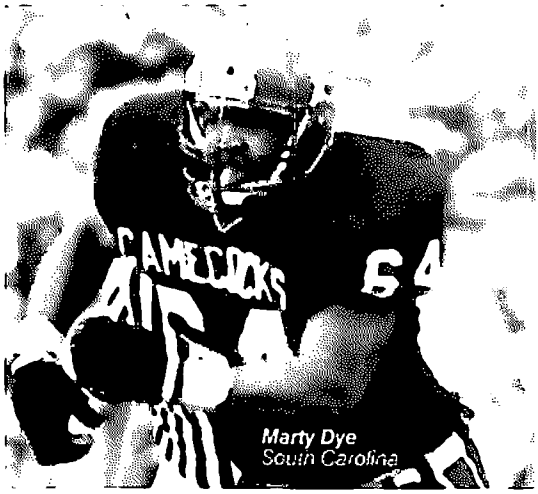
Still, to find success, the Deacons must find defense. "We've got a lot of people back, but they did not do well last year," said Dooley, whose defense returns all but one regular. Junior cornerback George Coghill is the main man. He led the league in punt returns (14.5-yard average) and tied for third in interceptions (4). Tryg Brody, second in the ACC with 14 tackles for loss, anchors the line.

"We have the problem that's always been at Wake Forest, and that's the lack of depth," said Dooley, who enjoyed coaching success at North Carolina and Virginia Tech before moving to Wake five years ago. "We simply do not have the depth other teams in the ACC have. But there definitely has been some improvement in the program. With another year of experience, we ought to be better."

independents

SOUTH CAROLINA

(6-5) Poor defense in midseason losses to The Citadel and North Carolina State cost the Gamecocks dearly in 1990. They surrendered 76 points in those games, and an excellent season slipped into mediocrity. Throw in the expected lashing from Florida State, and South Carolina yielded 117 points in three weeks. USC bounced back to finish with an impressive victory over West Virginia, and coach Sparky Woods hopes it's an omen. To keep that momentum, he hired aides Miles


Marty Dye
South Carolina

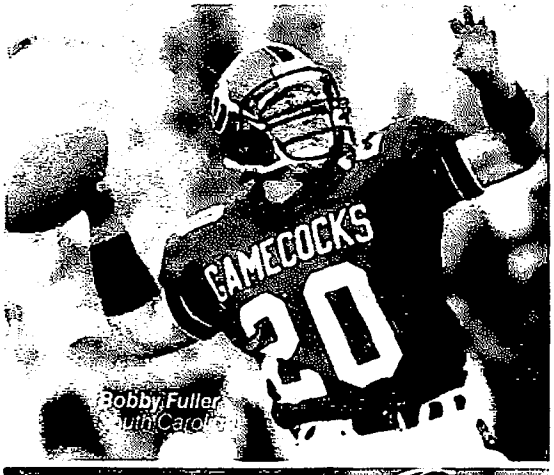
Aldridge and Tommy West, and turned the defense over to them.

The offense will revolve around senior quarterback Bobby Fuller, who completed 58 percent of his passes for 2,372 yards and 13 TDs. His chief targets will be senior speedsters Robert Brooks (33 catches for 548 yards and 6 TDs) and Eddie Miller (21-457-2). USC likely will use more of a two-back set on offense with sophomore Rob DeBoer (700 yards rushing), senior Albert Haynes (201) and redshirt freshmen Cleon Jones and Terry Wilburn sharing the duties. Jay Killen and Antoine Rivens head the line that must replace tackles Ike Harris and Calvin Stephens.

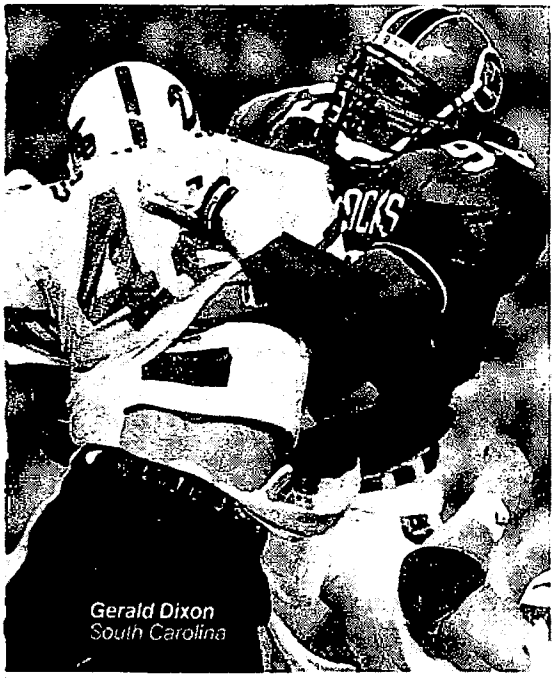
Seven regulars return on defense, which will feature a three-man line rather than the four-man front used last season. "Our challenge will be getting the right players in the right spot," said Woods, who will be using his third defensive alignment in three seasons in Columbia. "We hope to have a defense that's more aggressive, more on the attack along the line of scrimmage."

The key will be Gerald Dixon, a 245-pound senior with 4.65 speed who is slated to play outside linebacker. A down lineman last season, he made 70 tackles and earned defensive MVP honors. Cedric Bembery, Bobby Brown, and Marty Dye, a starter last year, are the top candidates at nose tackle. Returning starters Joe Reaves and Mike Tolbert, both seniors, head a deep and experienced corps of inside linebackers. Free safety Leon Harris (91 tackles, two interceptions) leads an improved secondary.

Most of the heavyweights (Georgia Tech, Florida State, Clemson) come on the second half of the schedule, which should allow time for the defense to adjust to the new scheme.



Bobby Fuller
South Carolina


Gerald Dixon
South Carolina

VIRGINIA TECH

(6-5) If coach Frank Beamer can't wait for this season, don't blame him. He returns 16 starters from a team that finished with a flourish: victories over three bowl teams and a 6–3 loss to national co-champion Georgia Tech in its final four games. The only negative is the schedule. After opening against James Madison, the Hokies play five straight on the road against N.C. State, South Carolina, Oklahoma, West Virginia, and Florida State.

"We will be a good football team," Beamer, beginning his fifth season, said. "But a lot of things will help determine the final record. I'm sure no other team in college football faces a task [the five straight road games] that difficult." He calls the schedule "a major hurdle,"

Vaughn Hebron
Virginia Tech

but Tech looks to build on the momentum established late last season and on the enthusiasm over the school's joining the Big East.

The offense particularly should be strong, with nine starters returning. Quarterback Will Furrer (58.4 percent, 2,122 yards, 19 TDs) will trigger the attack, and he has loads of help. Vaughn Hebron (640 yards rushing, 289 receiving) and Tony Kennedy (517, 209) provide a dynamite one-two punch at tailback and Marcus Mickel (38 receptions, 409 yards) heads the wide receivers. They will operate behind a line anchored by senior tackle Eugene Chung (6-5, 285) and guard William Boatwright. The Hokies expect Chung to be among the nation's best linemen.

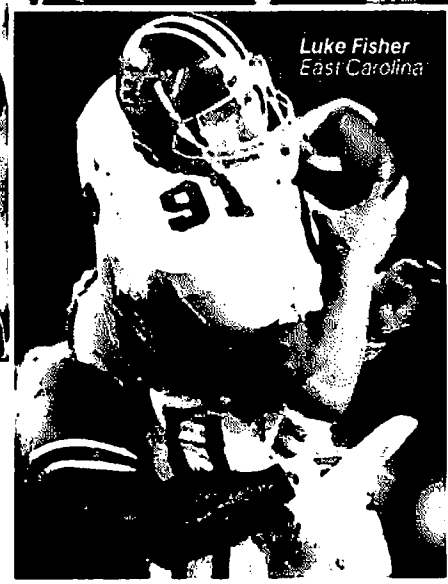
Seven regulars are back on defense, but Tech must replace its three top ends and both outside linebackers. Bryan Campbell is strong at tackle, and Rusty Pendleton and Melendez Byrd return at inside linebackers. The secondary should be solid with safety Damien Russell and corner John Granby heading the cast.

EAST CAROLINA

(5-6) The Pirates begin their third season under coach Bill Lewis, and he hopes some spring question marks become fall exclamation points. The presence of 14 starters, eight on offense, suggests stability. But only strong safety Derrick Fields returns to the secondary. "Our football team is not to the point where we have arrived at any position or any phase of our game," Lewis said. "We are a 5-6 team."

Senior tight end Luke Fisher (6-3, 222, all-South Independent) headlines the offense, but he missed spring drills recovering from ankle and shoulder injuries from the 1990 season. He joins junior tackle Tom Scott (6-5, 330)

Eugene Chung
Virginia Tech


Luke Fisher
East Carolina

in fortifying the line that returns five starters. Jeff Blake will start at quarterback for the second year. He set a school record with 1,924 yards in total offense. Leading rusher David Daniels (553 yards, 5 TDs) returns at one of the running backs.

Senior Robert Jones (6-3, 236) ranks among the best at linebacker. He took part in 167 tackles a year ago (fourth nationally and No. 1 among returning players) and could become the school's career leader with a similar season in '91. He had 17 tackles, blocked a field goal, and returned an interception for a TD against Cincinnati. Transfers Greg Gran-

dison and Aaron Harvey are expected to bolster the secondary. Grandison, who began his college career at Florida before transferring to junior college, ranked among the nation's top prospects in high school. Mike Bystol, another transfer, likely will start on the line.

WILLIAM & MARY

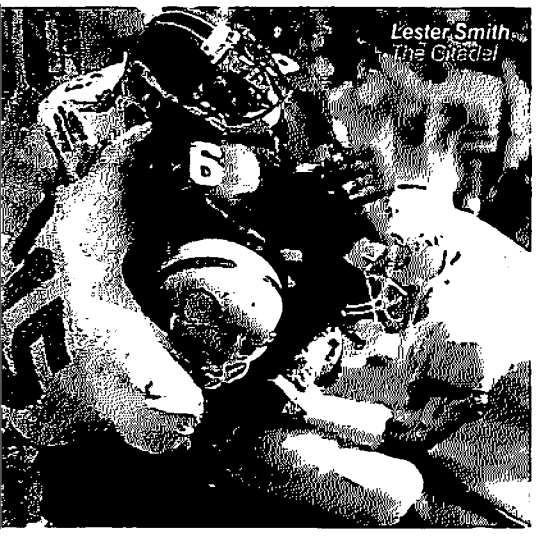
(10-3) The Indians set a bunch of single-season school records—most victories, points (467), total yards (6,438), to name a few—in their march to the I-AA quarterfinals last season. But some solid players in the offensive line must be replaced for an encore.

Igniting the attack again will be senior quarterback Chris Hakel, who passed for 3,414 yards and 22 touchdowns. Tailback Robert Green, who rushed for 1,408 yards and 19 TDs, is back, too. They will operate behind a line headed by Greg Kalinyak, a 6-4, 265-pound center who earned second-team academic All-America honors. Linebacker Jeff Nielsen, a first-team academic All-America, headlines the defense.

Coach Jimmye Laycock begins his 11th season at the helm with a 68-56-2 record. The Indians have won 39 games the past five years and have earned I-AA playoff berths three times. Expect them to continue the winning tradition this fall.

LIBERTY

(7-4) Sam Rutigliano has guided the Flames to seven victories in each of his two seasons at the helm, and the best is yet to come. The


Lester Smith, The Citadel

former NFL head coach returns 15 starters from a team that climbed to No. 8 in the national polls before slumping.

Triggering the offense, will be junior quarterback Robbie Justino, who threw for 3,076 yards and 24 touchdowns a year ago. He completed 228 of 382 passes and ranked among the national leaders in passing efficiency (141.3). The receiving corps includes L.G. Parrish (51 catches for 754 yards), Mark Thomas (43-648), and Pat Nelson (38-654). Either soph Adrian Cherry or senior Keith Vinson will inherit the running-back post. Completing the picture is a veteran line anchored by J.D. McDuffie and Curtis Adams.

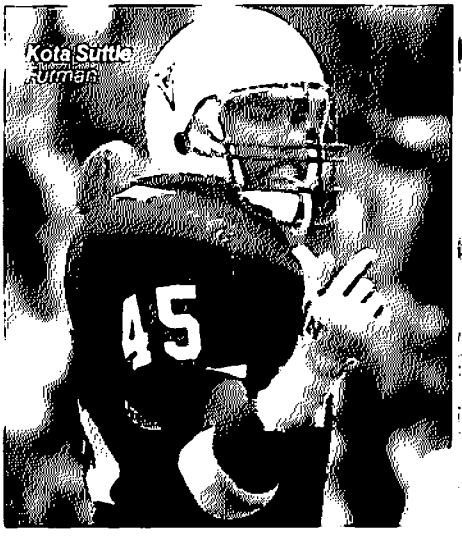
Linebackers and the secondary are the strengths of a defensive unit that returns seven regulars. Senior Bobby Green, who moves from free to strong safety, is the leader. He had four interceptions and 115 tackles in 1990. Paul Frazier and part-time starter James Downey will be joined at linebacker by Jeff Curtis, who had 115 tackles in 1989 but suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first game last year. Weymouth Williams returns at middle guard.

The schedule is tough—Liberty opens with games at Boise State and Furman—but the Flames are well-armed for the challenge.

JAMES MADISON

(5-6) An inexperienced offense and a wicked schedule combine to make Rip Scherer's first head-coaching assignment most formidable. Scherer, who played for Lou Holtz and served on staffs headed by Joe Paterno, Bill Curry, and others, arrives from the offensive coordinator's post at Arizona and inherits 10 starters. That's a bit deceiving, though, for two of the offensive starters stepped into the lineup after injuries.

Eriq Williams returns at quarterback. He set a school record for total offense in 1991, but


Kota Suttle, Furman

the 1,880 yards are skimpy by most standards. He's primarily a runner, and the new coaching staff hopes to beef up the passing game. Inside linebacker Shannon Vissman leads the Dukes' always stout defense. He finished second on the squad a year ago with 90 tackles. Strong safety Richard Grevious will start for the fourth season.

The Dukes could be pretty good and the record not reflect it. The schedule includes five I-AA playoff teams, plus Virginia Tech, Appalachian State, and Liberty.

TOWSON STATE

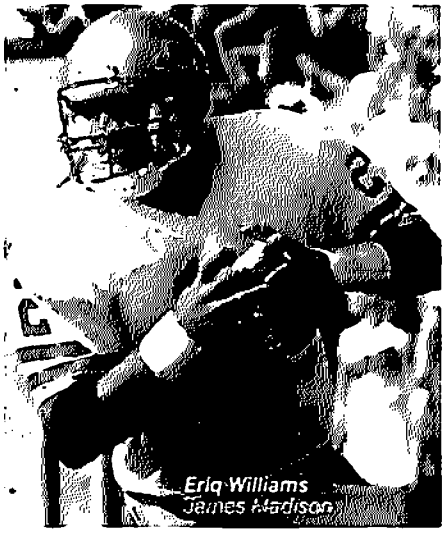
(2-9) Coach Phil Albert hopes the rash of injuries that wrecked his 1990 team will pay off this season. The experience gained then should be beneficial now.

Albert, beginning his 20th season at Towson with a 116-81-3 record, returns 17 starters. Half of the eight on offense are linemen, which should translate into an improved point of attack. Leading the offense will be top rusher Robbie Jackson (670 yards, eight TDs) and flanker Kevin Howard (50 catches, 721 yards, three TDs). Finding a quarterback is the top priority. A pair of three-year starters, defensive back Gary Worthington and linebacker James Dutton, join sophomore free safety Aaron Bates in headlining the defense.

FURMAN

(9-4) If coach Jimmy Satterfield's assembly line produces another outstanding quarterback, the Paladins will contend for the Division I-AA championship. If not, they merely will be very good. Furman, beaten in triple overtime in the I-AA quarterfinals last season, has all the other ingredients: five veteran offensive line starters, perhaps the school's best-ever running back, six defensive regulars, and a linebacker who made 180 tackles in 1989 returning from the injury list.

Sophomore Hugh Swilling gets first crack at replacing quarterback Frankie DeBusk, who led the Paladins to a 31-6 record, three Southern Conference titles, and the I-AA championship in 1989. Swilling played eight games last fall, completing four of six passes for 39 yards and rushing 10 times for 77. He will see that junior tailback Carl Tremble gets the ball often. Tremble already ranks fifth on the school's career rushing list with 2,264 yards. Split end


Eriq Williams, James Madison

Donald Lipscomb heads the receivers. They all operate behind an experienced line led by tackle Kyle Lowery and guard Eric Walter. Clay Tiedeman starts at the other tackle, Paul Siffri at right end, and Tom Griffith at the other guard. B.J. Estes, at center, will be the only new regular.

Middle guard Allen Edwards heads the defensive front, and Steve Norris and Kota Suttle are proven linebackers. Suttle made 180 tackles in '89, but he missed three games last season with a knee injury. Norris stepped in and made 107 tackles. The Paladins suffered the unexpected loss to two starters in the secondary to academic difficulties, but all-SC cornerback Jason Grant and strong safety Taylor Quarles solidify the unit.

MARSHALL

(6-5) The Thundering Herd experienced a season of extremes in their first year under coach Jim Donnan. On the plus side, they jolted Furman, 10–7, carried high-powered Georgia Southern and Eastern Kentucky to the wire before losing by three points in each game, and scored 50 points against Appalachian State. On the minus side, they suffered a three-touchdown embarrassment against oft-beaten East Tennessee.

With 20 starters returning, look for the Herd

to smooth out the rough spots and soar in the national rankings. Enthusiasm is high; over 5,000 fans turned out for the spring game. For added motivation, Marshall opens a new 28,000-seat stadium. Over 7,000 season tickets had been sold by April, and officials hoped for 10,000 by the opening game.

Junior quarterback Michael Payton (2,453 yards total offense) returns to trigger the attack. He passed for 2,409 yards and 12 TDs, completing a school-record 57.3 percent. He also threw 16 interceptions, a figure Donnan would like to see dwindle. Payton added seven rushing TDs, the most ever by a Marshall quarterback. Tackle Madison Sayre (6-6, 270) anchors the line that paved the way for 390 yards per game.

Linebacker Joe Fumi-Fiamawle and end Jim Bernardoni head the veteran defensive unit that led the Southern and ranked third nationally, yielding only 260 yards per game a year ago. A key addition has been a full-time strength and conditioning coach. A couple of those losses last season came on opponents' late-game drives, and Donnan believes this team will be stronger physically and better able to handle those challenges.

THE CITADEL

(7-5) The Bulldogs return 19 starters from a 7-5 squad that made the I-AA playoffs, finished 15th in the national poll, and pulled a shocker over state rival South Carolina. Their target is to win the school's first Southern title since 1961. This will be the most experienced and talented of coach Charlie Taaffe's five Citadel teams. He has 56 juniors and seniors on the roster, the most in his tenure in Charleston.

Orlando Hatchett
Marshall

Taaffe hopes to have a more diversified offense this fall. The proven wishbone remains, but some split-back veer has been added to the mix in an effort to achieve balance. The result: over 600 yards in the spring game. Operating the option attack will be senior Jack Douglas, who rushed for 902 yards and 13 TDs last season. He also passed for 727 out of the wishbone. Junior fullback Everette Sands (839 yards rushing) and sophomores Ray Wimbush (390, 5 TDs) and Erick Little (416, 3 TDs) lead a deep corps of running backs. Cornell Caldwell (21 catches, 410 yards) and Willie Jones head the receivers. The line features all-Southern tackle Carey Cash. Pat Chapman returns at center after suffering an opening-game knee injury.

Middle guard Geren Williams and tackle Tracy Thompson spark what could be the school's best defensive line in years. And all-Southern strong safety Lester Smith heads the secondary that returns intact. Finding linebackers to replace All-America J.J. Davis and four-year Dwayne Smalls is the Bulldogs' chief task. Rob Briggs and Ed McFarland earned the jobs in the spring.

APPALACHIAN STATE

(6-5) The Mountaineers overcame a wicked schedule and a weak offense to finish above .500 and place second in the league. Coach Jerry Moore's hopes to improve upon the record depend on development of the offensive line and inside linebackers.

Moore spent the spring seeking ways to improve an offense that ranked last in the Southern in 1990. He shuffled personnel and worked to open the attack in an effort to avoid a repeat of last year's stacked defenses against the run. Quarterback D.J. Campbell (1,409 yards total offense) and leading rushing J.K. Reaves (634 yards) return.

Even though three lettermen moved to offense, the defense that ranked second in the Southern remains strong. Two-time all-SC junior tackle Avery Hall heads the line. Junior outside linebacker Rico Mack is another all-conference performer, and the return of Gary Dandridge strengthens the secondary. Dandridge, all-SC in 1989, missed last season on suspension. He's returned heavier (225) and quicker (4.39 in the 40).

The schedule is more favorable this season. Rather than three I-A teams early, Clemson is the only impossible task in September.

VIRGINIA MILITARY

(4-7) The Keydets continue to build and coach Jim Shuck, beginning his third season, believes his program has advanced "to the point where we can be successful in the Southern Conference." He bases his optimism on improvement at the skill positions and increased speed on defense. The depth chart shows 18 returning starters, including 10 on offense, and 39 of the top 44 players from the 1990 finale.

Quarterback Tony Scales returns to direct VMI's wishbone, which ranked first in the Southern and fifth nationally in rushing (269 yards per game). Halfbacks Marcus Mines and Scott Council head a corps of running backs that includes 10 with at least 100 yards rushing last season. Tight end Dan Lyle and center Lorenzo Carpenter lead the line.

Lorenzo Carpenter
Virginia Military

Tackles Dap Tillery and Mike Perfetti and end Raymond Flowers all will be starting for their third seasons on the defensive front. Middle linebacker Corey Jones, a former strong safety, is the only newcomer to the starting defense. Tony Woods and Andy Andrews are solid at outside linebacker and Todd Washington at strong safety.

The schedule is tougher: A pair of I-AA teams have replaced NAIA foes. Nevertheless, the Keydets will be shooting for their first winning season in a decade. Defense holds the key. VMI scored plenty (251 points) last season but gave up more (346).

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

(6-5) The Moccasins can look back on 1990 and wonder what might have been. Close losses to Georgia Southern (23–20) and Appalachian State (23–17) ended their hopes of coming back from a 1-3 start to earn a berth in the playoffs.

Coach Buddy Nix must now rebuild his traditionally tough defense, which lost eight starters—including five who made either first- or second-team all-Southern. That shifts the burden to the offense, which just might be able to carry the load. The top rushers return: Muhammed Shamsid-Deen (916 yards, third in the Southern) and James Roberts (764, sixth). Opening holes will be a line headed by tackle Tommy Bonapart and guard Mike Duggar. But the quarterback will be new; Stan Nix and Vince Carelli are gone.

Jack Douglas
The Citadel

The new defensive alignment wil be a 4-3, and both Albert Luke and Sean McMahan shift from end to linebacker and Walt Williams moves from tight end to linebacker. Luke, cornerback Jackie Washington, and linebacker Truett Moss are the lone returning starters. Both specialists return. Punter Pumpy Tudors averaged 44.6 yards to lead the conference and rank third nationally. Kicker Rodney Allen scored 63 points to place fifth in the league.

WESTERN CAROLINA

(3-8) The Catamounts begin their second season under coach Steve Hodgin with 16 starters returning. Good thing, for the schedule is wicked. Western opens with Georgia and then

The Downtown Athletic Club, Home of The Heisman® Memorial Trophy, is pleased to announce the creation of

The National Heisman® Trophy Club

•

Now, those who would like to share in the prestige of the most coveted award in amateur athletics may do so by joining The National Heisman Trophy Club

By enrolling in the National Heisman Trophy Club you'll receive:

- A Personalized commemorative plaque.
- A membership card, featuring a rendering of The Heisman Trophy.
- Heisman lapel pin
- Heisman magazine
- Newsletters.
- The opportunity to attend The Heisman Trophy Dinner and award ceremonies.
- The opportunity to visit The Downtown Athletic Club, Home of The Heisman Trophy.
- The exclusive opportunity to buy Heisman Trophy apparel.

For information on becoming a member, please call 1-800-662-5007 or write to The National Heisman Trophy Club, 19 West Street, New York, N.Y. 10004.

atlantic coast

Wake Forest. Three of the next four games are against teams that made the I-AA playoffs: Furman, The Citadel, and Georgia Southern.

The Catamounts finished seventh in the league in offense and last in defense. The latter especially needs repair, having surrendered 33 points per game. Linebacker Myron Sharpe leads the cast of eight veteran starters that includes tackles Chad Ross and Frank Thompson and middle guard Tony Johnson. All four starters are back in the secondary.

Quarterback Lonnie Galloway and tailback Kevin Thigpen (517 yards rushing) are among eight returning offense regulars. Tackle Eric Lautzenheiser and guard Todd Harkins, both second-team all-SC, lead the line.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

(2-9) The Buccaneers suffered through one of those best-forgotten seasons in 1990, yet pulled one of the Southern's most astonishing upsets. They thrashed Marshall, which had beaten Furman and lost to Georgia Southern by three points.

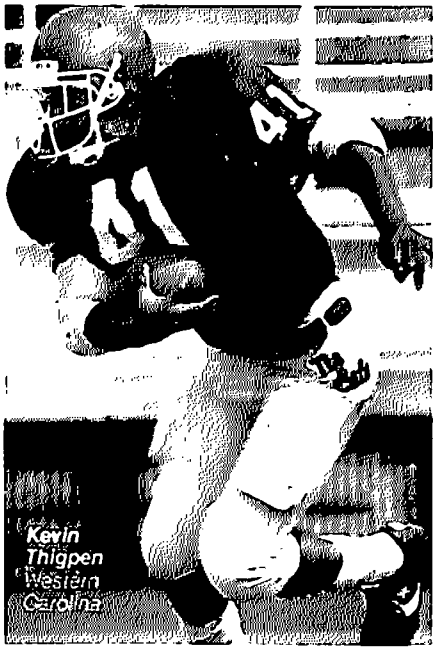
Coach Don Riley finds 14 starters among 41 lettermen and anticipates better days. But six players, including leading rusher Derrick Hollins (935 yards), missed spring drills on suspension. Inside linebacker Murphy Duckett (127 tackles) is perhaps the Buccaneers' best player and cornerback Mo Kelly came on strong late in the season. Randy Meredith (1,858 yards passing) returns to lead the offense. He completed 62.3 percent and finished 20th nationally in passing efficiency.

mid-eastern athletic conference

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

(9-2, 5-1) When he was hired at North Carolina A&T, everyone figured it would just be a matter of time before coach Bill Hayes had the Aggies back among the league's contenders. But just about no one figured it would happen so quickly. The Aggies charged through their 1990 schedule, winning five straight games to open the year and capturing four of their last five to finish the year 9-2. This season, A&T will go from being the hunter to the hunted.

The man who makes the Aggies go is quarterback Connell Maynor. The 6-foot senior showed flashes of brilliance as a sophomore before putting everything together last season. Maynor completed 64 percent of his passes for 1,699 yard and 16 touchdowns. He also ran for 11 touchdowns, punted, and came up with the big play every time A&T needed one. But it doesn't stop there. Kevin Acker, the league's fourth-leading rusher, and Barry Turner lead a deep running-back corps, all-league tight end Craig Thompson heads the receivers and center Richard Lide a young but proven offensive line.



Though A&T's offense was very productive, the key to last season's success was the defense, which allowed a paltry 75 points to six league opponents. End Knox Thompson was a first-team all-MEAC choice, as was back Dee Moye. End Kevin Little will help anchor the line; Chad Armstrong, Reggie Glover, and Rodney Edwards will head a quality group of linebackers; Sam Davis, Alonza Barnett, and Tommy McCoy are back in the secondary along with Dee Moye.

FLORIDA A&M

(6-0, 7-4) The Rattlers stumbled out of the gate last season, but got themselves together in time for the conference season and rolled through their MEAC slate unbeaten to win the championship. FAMU will have some big holes to fill, but should still have enough firepower to finish near the top of the league. Quarterback Tony Ezell, who is already the school's all-time passing leader, is back for what should be a big senior season. As a junior, Ezell led the MEAC in passing (2,302 yards) and total offense. He'll have a trio of talented receivers to throw to in Tim Daniel, Terry Mickens, and James Thurman, who combined for 66 catches last year. Pat Reddick and Johnathon Jones will be the running backs and Wally Williams heads the line.

Though they have the offensive tools, the Rattlers lost five key performers on defense. James McDuffy, Maress Scott, Dexter Nottage, and Sean Brantley comprise most of the line, while Craig Hall and William Carroll are proven safeties. But if FAMU is the repeat as MEAC champs, its cornerbacks and linebackers must come through and place-kicker Jimmy Vertuno must be replaced.

DELAWARE STATE

(4-2, 7-3) The Hornets led the nation's Division I-AA schools in rushing last year and will once again field a talented, run-oriented team. Delaware State returns four of its top five running backs. All-MEAC performer Michael Murray ran for 708 yards in just eight games last season and teammate Doug Reed averaged 8.3 yards per carry. Herb White and Wendell Watson will also see plenty of action. The departure of Curtis Williams leaves the quarterbacking spot up in the air. Erik Jones played some last year and may have a slight edge, but Jerome Chambers will push him for time.

The Hornets should put points on the board, but defensively there are some gaps. Jason Winfield is one of just two starting linemen back and the linebacking is almost completely depleted. James Redding leads four returning starters in the secondary.

HOWARD

(3-3, 6-5) Howard got off to a 5-0 start before a tough loss to Virginia State set the stage for a disappointing finish. It lost five of its last six games and finished fourth in the league. But Howard has the weapons to make up for last year's closing slump.

The Bison return one of the league's better backfields in junior fullback Ryan Heathcock and tailback J.J. Carpenter. Heathcock ran for 716 yards and 10 touchdowns while Carpenter added 455 yards. Quarterback Donald Carr, who put nearly 1,700 yards of total offense on the board, is also back but will be pushed hard by sophomore Chris Dubose. Charles Harrell, Mike Caswell, and George Humes give the Bison excellent receivers, while all-MEAC performer Nigel Greene (320), Robert Carpenter (255), Dante Reed, and Paul Ramseur (285) head the line. If coach Steve Wilson has a significant hole to fill, it's for place-kicker Gary Mossop, who connected on 12 of 18 field goals last season and gave the Bison offense an added weapon.

On defense, Ronald Smith and James Spears will attempt to fill the sizable shoes of standout linemen Brian Taltoan and Gary Wittingham. The linebackers, led by Kenneth Newsome and Anthony Hooper, are also in good shape and Walter Price and Keith Hancock had big seasons in the secondary.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

(2-4, 4-6) The Bulldogs had great expectations for 1990 but were derailed early when they lost their returning quarterback to some off-the-field problems before the season even started. S.C. State never really recovered. This year, one of coach Willie Jeffries's first tasks will be to find a quarterback. Redshirt sophomore Robert Hemby, who started five games, has a slight edge on Marvin Marshall and Jasper Brooks, but that could change. The running backs, despite the loss of leading rusher John Brown, are very good: Dion Summers, Orian Lumpkin, Antonio Mackey, and speedster Heanon Tate. But finding the holes may be difficult early on because State lost three of its five starting linemen.

The Bulldogs should field a solid defensive unit. Safety Ricky Hill, who had a school-record nine interceptions last season, returns. Gregory Henderson, Robert Porcher, and Damien Moses are the backbone of the line, while Gilbert Turnman and Henry Graham are solid at linebacker. If the Bulldogs have a need, it's in the kicking game.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

(1-5, 4-7) The Wildcats have been a passing team for the last several years and because of their athletic ability at the skill positions, they have always been dangerous. This year will be no different. Quarterback J.D. Hall heads the list of returnees. Last season, the junior completed 175 of 372 passes for 2,206 yards and 11 touchdowns. If he can cut down on his 17 interceptions, he'll be even more productive. Hall and receiver Jeff Parker give Bethune one of the most potent punches in the league. Parker, an all-MEAC choice, had 58 catches and six touchdowns last year. Troy Grant, another good receiver, and Andre Howard, a tight end who has been converted to tailback, are also back, as are linemen Andre Ragin and Anthony Bingham.

Defensively, Bethune must replace linebacker Cedric McKinnon, who led the league in tackles. Nose guard Walt Simmons and linebacker Tim Thompson must perform well in order for the Wildcats to be competitive. Evan Toney, a quality performer since his freshman season, is now a senior and will be the backbone of the secondary.

MORGAN STATE

(0-6, 1-10) The Bears suffered through a tough 1990 campaign, and if it hadn't been for a 2-0 victory at Cheyney University in a driving rainstorm in the last game of the year, Morgan would've gone oh-for-the-season. Ricky Gidds, a former assistant coach at the Air Force Academy, takes over the coaching reins this season, and he will be greeted by all 11 returning offensive starters.

Orlando Persell, a part-time starter at quarterback last year, will try to jump-start an attack that generated just 131.5 yards per game and finished last in total offense. He'll have a bevy of quality receivers to work with, including preseason All-America Glenny Moore, Charles Harris, and slotback Sean Nelson. Nathan Ayers moved over from linebacker in midseason and gained 310 yards as a running back, and James Ledbetter (6-6, 250) is the key returnee in an experienced line. Morgan will also have an added weapon in punter/place-kicker Michael Andrews, a second-team all-MEAC performer.

Defensively, the Bears lost MEAC Player of the Year James Dozier but still return capable performers. Matthew Steple stepped in as a freshman and delivered 52 tackles and four sacks. Outside linebacker Reno Lucas led the team in tackles and cornerback Eddie Hill and safety Horace Minnifield should have good years in the secondary. □

THE G & W FOOTBALL RECRUITING CONNECTION

'BEST INFORMATION, BEST PRICE'

Our 2nd Year - Starting in mid-October 1991

Call for Updates on National Prep Recruiting!

1-900-454-3GNW (3469)

Weekly updates in Oct.-Dec.

Daily updates begin in January!

The G & W Football Recruiting Hotline features individual messages on these conferences:

- Big East and N. Dame
- SEC + Ark. & S.C.
- Big 10 + Penn State
- SWC and WAC
- ACC + Florida State
- Pac 10 and West

G & W

Recruiting Report

The No. 1 Preseason Prep Football List

"Right on the money with its evaluations. As good as any on the market."

• Florida State Assistant Recruiting Coordinator Ronnie Cuttrell

Compiled by

Phil Grosz and Tom Weber

Recruiting Analysts with over 20 years experience

You Receive SIX Informative Reports...

- *Preseason Report, mailed in July - 90+ pages!*
  - Listing of the top 3,500 senior prep players by state
  - Preseason All-American and All-Regional teams
  - Thumbnail looks at the top 1000 national prospects
- *Late December Report*
  - Updated All-American and All-Area teams
  - Top players' college visits, plus hot rumors
- *Two Pre-Signing Date Reports in January*
  - The most complete list of verbal commitments
  - Signing rumors and other breaking news
- *Two Post-Signing Date Reports in March*
  - First will list the top 500 players and their selections
  - Second will have analysis of all 85 Div. I-A schools

All six reports are mailed via 1st class mail.

ALL FOR ONLY $25.00

√ Yes, I want the G&W Report. My $25 check is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

_____

City _____

State/Zip _____

SS91

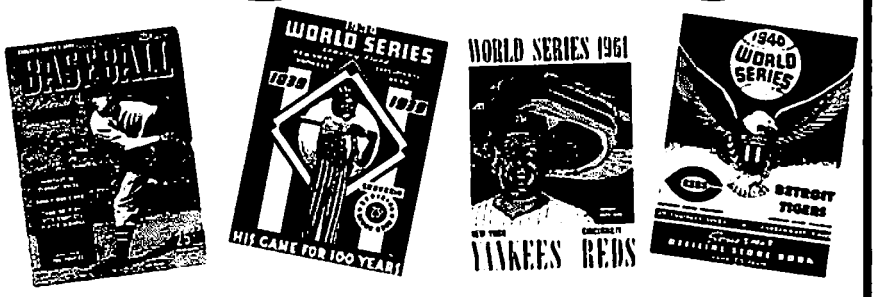
Make Your Check Payable to:

G & W Recruiting Report

P.O. Box 21, Sanatoga, PA 19464

or call 215-326-3750

BUYING



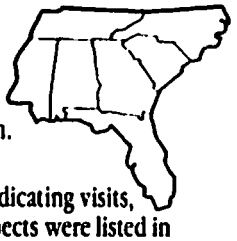
We buy pre-1974 baseball yearbooks, World Series, All-Star, Super Bowl and college bowl programs, NBA Finals and Final Four programs! Also, ticket stubs! Plus, STREET & SMITH's annuals, guides, autographed baseballs & footballs, statues and pennants! Send your list today!

Don't forget to ask about our large selection of sports publications & programs in stock—available for sale!

LOU MADDEN
4545 E. SHEA BLVD. #210
PHOENIX, AZ 85028
1-800-345-7474

SOUTHEASTERN RECRUITING

"The South's most complete recruiting newsletter"



★ PRE-SEASON TOP 200: Available September 1.
A detailed player profile of the Top 200 H.S. seniors in the South.
More than a list of names!

★ RECRUITING UPDATES: Two in January and one in February indicating visits, leanings and commitments. Last year nearly 400 different prospects were listed in each update.

★ Comprehensive post-season magazine evaluating all the recruiting efforts of teams in the SEC, ACC, and major southern independents.

To subscribe: Send $25.00 to: Southeastern Recruiting, P.O. Box 57347, Atlanta, GA 30343

SOUTHEASTERN RECRUITING HOTLINE — 1-900-786-4400

The most up-to-date recruiting information available for your favorite school.

$1.49 a minute. Calls may be made from a touch tone or rotary dial telephone.

Street & Smith's
PRO FOOTBALL
- Great Performances
- On the Offensive
- Caught in the Draft
- Unlikely Heroes
- 50 Ways to Improve the NFL
- Safety First
- NFL Preview
- Canadian Football League
- Schedules, Statistics, Rosters

ON SALE NOW

Rivalries *continued from page 14*

Army meets Navy. "But it's also drilled into you," he said. "You hear about it when you first arrive, how the lowest dog on the post ranks above the highest admiral at the Naval Academy. . . .

"It seems to me that USC and UCLA play better in their big game than others play in their big games," Smith said. "There's not the depth to it. There's not the feeling that they must win to survive."

Smith remembered Alabama's trip into Auburn, and the hundreds of people waiting outside the stadium, and the feeling of how *important* a football game seemed. "It just permeated all of life in the state," he said. "I'll never forget driving in on the bus, and the people just screaming, but doing so side-by-side. They weren't fighting when they were close enough to be fighting." The observer within Smith feels that USC and UCLA have more fun. But the coach within wishes he could have one more chance to play Auburn.

Smith had access to one additional rivalry when he enrolled at Harvard Divinity School after leaving West Point. But he did not see the Crimson play against Yale. "I was probably in the library at the time," he said.

The future of Penn State's rivalries never seemed more awkward than the afternoon last February when athletic directors from eight eastern schools appeared in Providence, RI, to announce the formation of the new Big East football conference. After all the meeting and cajoling Paterno had done, in an attempt to create some structure to the eastern independents, his absence seemed strange. "It was a little strange to me, too," he said. "The way I'm trying to look at it, we're an eastern football team and we're trying to represent the east in the Big Ten. I'm an easterner, and I'm never going to be anything but an easterner."

If nothing else, the direction has changed, with new challenges waiting to the west. On that platform in Providence appeared helmets from Syracuse and Pittsburgh, long-time opponents that will not be a part of Penn State's future. Paterno said that the demands of a Big Ten schedule made a Pittsburgh game impossible to arrange, at least for now.

"We've had to make so many moves and adjustments to make that happen," he said. "And we've had commitments to people. We had to say we can't do anything with Pitt now. As we work out a pattern, we'll have a chance to sit back and see."

Maybe as soon as 1996, Paterno said, Pitt could be brought back on the schedule. But even then, a return would have to come near the beginning of the season. The thought of Penn State and Pittsburgh playing before spectators in shirt-sleeves is almost as hard to envision as the idea of them not playing at all.

It remains to be seen whether the possible reward of a trip to Pasadena will create enough incentive for Nittany Lion fans to anticipate end-of-season games against Northwestern and Michigan State with the same intensity as they felt for games with Pitt. Paterno feels the Pittsburgh fans will be fine. "They can say, 'We should have beaten Penn State. We're better,' " he said. But he acknowledged that while the fans will be able to raise those questions, they will no longer receive their annual answers. □

Other prep seniors to watch

continued from page 41

Dock Cooper. Murrah. Jackson, MS
Henri Crockett. Ely. Pompano Beach, FL
Canute Curtis. Farmingdale. Farmingdale, NY
Dexter Daniels. Valdosta. Valdosta, GA
Scott Freeney. Clarke Central. Athens, GA
Keenan Gardner. Barstow. Barstow, CA
Randall Godfrey. Lowndes County. Valdosta, GA
Brent Guyton. Wilde Lake. Columbia, MD
Jayson Gwinn. Brookhaven. Columbus, OH
Chad Hartwig. Armstrong. Armstrong, MN
Terry Harvey. Denby. Detroit, MI
Nate Hensley. Delran. Delran, NJ
Bruce Holloway. Shabazz. Newark, NJ
Craig King. Asheville. Asheville, NC
Chris Koeppen. Richards. Oak Lawn, IL
Matt Lilly. DeMatha. Hyattsville, MD
Sterling Luckey. Thornton. Harvey, IL
Bryan Ludwick. Gresham. Gresham, OR
Ryan Luzinski. Holy Cross. Delran, NJ
Brian Manuel. Troy. Troy, MI
Randy Mapp. Southwest DeKalb. Decatur, GA
Pete Matthews. Zanesville. Zanesville, OH
John McCray. Buchtel. Akron, OH
Mike McCullough. Chaska. Chaska, MN
Justin Morabito. Bethlehem Catholic. Bethlehem, PA
Shay Muirbrook. Norco. Norco, CA
Thomas Plant. Macon County. Macon, GA
Shun Pennington. Hayward. Hayward, CA
Matt Russell. East. Belleville, IL
Sam Santana. Paramount. Paramount, CA
Mike Schnellenberger. St. Xavier. Louisville, KY
Chris Simmons. Hartselle. Hartselle, AL
Ronnie Smith. Cedar Shoals. Athens, GA
Tim Suto. North Hills. Pittsburgh, PA
Mark Tangen. Concordia Academy. St. Paul, MN
Jim Testone. West Warwick. Warwick, RI
Mike Vanderbeek. Hudsonville. Hudsonville, MI
Jamie Vandervelt. Catholic Memorial. Waukesha, WI
John Williams. Holy Name. Cleveland, OH
Reggie Wilson. John Curtis. River Ridge, LA
Greg Wise. Brooke. Wellsburg, WV

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Donta Anthony. Ballou. Washington, DC
Kerwin Badie. Proviso West. Hillside, IL
Antonio Banks. Warwick. Newport News, VA
Dallan Buchanan. Frayser. Memphis, TN
Chris Campbell. St. Vincent. Akron, OH
Chris Colon. Deer Park. Pasadena, TX
Dan Colson. Middletown. Middletown, OH
Hosea Friday. Chadsey. Detroit, MI
Troy Griffin. Central LaFourche. Matthews, LA
Jack Hallman. Dillard. Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Theron Hill. Carson. Carson, CA
Ty Howard. Briggs. Columbus, OH
Jason Jabar. Waterville. Waterville, ME
Lamont Johnson. Clarke Central. Athens, GA
Robert Johnson. Estacado. Lubbock, TX
Wilbur Jones. Wythe. Richmond, VA
Bobby Lupo. Ocean Township. Oakhurst, NJ
Abdul McCullough. El Camino. Oceanside, CA
Derrick Millhouse. Dobbins. Philadelphia, PA
Brian Penacle. Central Bucks East. Buckingham, PA
Zeke Rogers. Bergen Catholic. Hackensack, NJ
Jamie Shell. Ogden. Ogden, UT
Jason Shelley. Vallejo. Vallejo, CA
Todd Siebert. Marshall. San Antonio, TX
Jermain Smith. Eden Morehead. Edenton, NC
Shawn Sterling. Rock Hill. Rock Hill, SC
Sim Stokes. Wilson. Washington, DC
Erik Thomas. Quartz Hill. Quartz Hill, CA
Don Veronesi. Mount Carmel. Chicago, IL
Terrence Wiggins. Bishop McDevitt. Wyncote, PA
Eldridge Williams. Miramar. Miramar, FL
Traver Zayatz. North Tonawanda. North Tonawanda, NY

FOR THE REAL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL FAN

The Ultimate College Football Game for P.C.'s (IBM, XT's AT's or Compat. DOS Version 2.1 or later min. 320K & color graphics). We dare you to show us one better.

College

FOOTBALL STRATEGIST

You'll love it. You are the coach, call the plays, pick the teams, the whole ball of wax. Sophisticated, yet so easy to play. Satisfaction guaranteed. Latest stats. (You can update during season.)

ORDER FORM

VERSIONS	HOW MANY	DISC SIZE 5 1/4 or 3 1/2	PRICE
National	____	_____	$49.95
Pacific Coast	____	_____	$29.95
Midwest	____	_____	$29.95
Southwest	____	_____	$29.95
Atlantic Coast	____	_____	$29.95
Southeastern	____	_____	$29.95
Northeastern	____	_____	$29.95

I enclose payment by _____ check _____ m.order
please charge to my _____ M.C. _____ Visa
Account No. _____ Exp Date _____
Name on Account _____
Signature _____

Name _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____

Mail to:
Murfreesboro Ent. P.O. Box 1743, Murfreesboro, TN 37133

Great Gift Idea

SCORES
ALL TIME FOOTBALL SCORES
OVER 1000 COLLEGES

$2.50 each college or 5 TEAMS FOR $10.00
20 TEAMS FOR $27.00. 50 TEAMS FOR $60.00.
Even scores for Carlisle Indians, Denver, Detroit, Union Ky & Tenn., Gonzaga, Drury.

SUPPLEMENT - RESUME'
A supplement resume' was issued each year. Each resume' is complete for that dated season. 1940 covers football 1940. 1945 covers 1945, 1962 covers 1962, etc. Supplement reviews available every season, 1940 thru last season. $3.00 each supplement. Over 500 teams ranked since 1957. Score results for 250 teams. Add $1.00 postage for 1st one. No charge on more.

OLD BACK ISSUES
Guides: Spalding-Barnes-NCAA
Magazines: Street & Smith, Ill. FB Annuals, Woodward, True, Kickoff, Roundup. etc.
Send $1.00 (refundable) for catalogue of FB items. Hundreds of College Media Guides. 1975 to date. Write for your wants.

Some hardbounds. A little baseball & basketball etc.
Sixty Years. Ad here. In Street & Smith 41st.

Buying-Selling-Trading-Since 1928

POLINGS FOOTBALL RATINGS
Box 32, Mansfield, Ohio 44901

Name _____
Address _____
City & State _____ Zip _____
☐ Guides ☐ Scores
☐ Supplements PH. (419) 756-2555

RICHARD R. POLING

Mel Kiper, Jr. **ESPN'S NFL COLLEGE/PRO ANALYST**

PRESENTS 5 DYNAMITE PUBLICATIONS

* **THE 1992 DRAFT PREVIEW OFFERS...** *Mailed MID-OCT.* **($11.95)**
Your first rated look at the Top 300 Seniors, 250 Juniors and 250 Sophomores. Thumbnail sketch of Top Senior, Junior and Sophomore prospects.

* **SERIES OF 3 NEWSLETTERS...** *Mailed in DEC., JAN., FEB.* **($9.50)**

* **THE 1992 DRAFT REPORT (Vol. XIII)...** *Mailed MID-MAR.* **($21.95)**
1. Indepth study of Top college prospects.
2. Detailed analysis of all 28 NFL TEAMS.
3. Projection of the FIRST SIX ROUNDS.
4. Top Prospects for 1993 & 1994 NFL Draft.
5. PHOTOS of this year's TOP PLAYERS.
6. 152 page DRAFT REPORT (8 1/2 x 11).

* **THE 1992 DRAFT UPDATE OFFERS...** *Mailed EARLY APR.* **($9.50)**
All the vital, late breaking information that I feel is a must for all great draft fans.

* **THE 1992 DRAFT REVIEW OFFERS...** *Mailed EARLY JUNE* **($10.50)**
A detailed look at how all 28 teams fared, with a final grade assigned to each club, along with a report on collegiate spring practice.

* **ALL 5 BOOKS $58.40 Save $5.00!!!!!**
* **VISA OR MASTER CARD HOLDERS CALL: 1-301-744-7922**
Also get draft updates by calling Mel's Hot Line #: **1-900-896-2223**

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE# (_____) _____
VISA/MC# _____ EXP. _____

Send CHECK or MONEY ORDER (U.S. FUNDS ONLY) TO:
DRAFT PUBLICATIONS, INC.
6004 Burnt Oak Road
Baltimore, MD 21228-2712

ALL ORDERS SENT FIRST CLASS
Fax Visa/MC Order: 1-301-719-0566
(Canada: Add $2.00 extra per book)

ATTENTION BASKETBALL FANS: CALL 1-301-744-7922 FOR INFO. ON OUR NBA DRAFT REPORTS!

Division II National Preview

TOP 25

1. North Dakota State
2. Pittsburg State
3. East Texas State
4. Indiana (PA)
5. North Alabama
6. Grand Valley State
7. Edinboro
8. Wofford
9. Texas A&I
10. Virginia Union
11. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
12. Jacksonville State
13. Angelo State
14. Cal State Northridge
15. Tuskegee
16. Millersville
17. Portland State
18. Mississippi College
19. Northeast Missouri State
20. UC-Davis
21. Northern Colorado
22. Morningside
23. Winston-Salem State
24. East Stroudsburg
25. American International

by GREGG DEWALT

The Division II team of the 1980s looked very much like a team for the 1990s last December in Florence, AL, winning its fifth national championship in eight years. **North Dakota State**, as it has done so often to other championship-game opponents, steamrolled Indiana, PA, 51–11, behind the play of Harlon Hill Award winner Chris Simdorn, an unrelenting option attack, and a defense that gives up yards and points about as easily as a yard dog gives up a bone. The combination added up to a perfect 14-0 season.

"We've been able to perform relatively well over the past few years, but we have a saying here that you're only as good as your last accomplishment," said coach Rocky Hager. "And our last accomplishment was in December, 1990. This is 1991. Yesterday is history."

Yesterday or not, at North Dakota State success is the norm. The Bison, who in the last 11 seasons have won 117 games, been in the playoffs nine times, and captured five championships, remain the team to beat in Division II. Although part of the '90 team's nucleus is gone, Hager noted, "We don't exactly have a complete cupboard, but it's not bare, either." As good as the offense was in 1990 (38.7 ppg), the defense was even better, allowing only 13.9 points per game. With eight starters back, including All-America candidate Tony Wash, who had six quarterback sacks in the championship game, this year's Bison should be at least as good as the bunch that did not give up a rushing touchdown in the last 37 quarters of 1990. It all adds up to trouble for those other 125 Division II teams looking to unseat North Dakota State.

When looking for a team to challenge NDSU as national champions, consider **Pittsburg State**, which has won 55 straight regular-season games. North Dakota State needed two touchdowns in the final five minutes of its semifinal game with the Gorillas to earn a berth in the championship in 1990, finally nailing down a 39–29 victory.

With 16 returning starters, Pittsburg State coach Chuck Broyles is excited. "We came close to winning the national championship last year and we didn't lose many players," Broyles said. "We lost some quality players in key positions that will affect the personality of this year's team, but I think we're capable of competing on the national level again."

Pittsburg State will be operating without its starting quarterback from the last three years, Jay Padden, who fashioned a 35-3 record and set school records for career completion percentage and TD passes. Turning over the nation's third-ranked scoring (41.5 ppg) and second-ranked rushing (325.2 yards) offense to either Todd Hunter or Brian Hutchins won't be difficult for Broyles because twin 1,000-yard rushers Darren Dawson (1,415) and Ronald Moore (1,013) are back. Said offensive coordinator Jerry Kill of the two running backs, "I don't know if they're the best pair of running backs in the nation, but if they aren't, I wouldn't want to play against the team who has the best because Moore and Dawson are pretty darn good." Pittsburg State is nearly as talented defensively, with eight starters back on a team that ranked in the top 20 in three categories: rushing defense, total defense, and scoring defense. With solid depth all around, it won't take much for the Gorillas to end up playing for the national championship.

The first goal for the 1991 **East Texas State** football team is to repeat as champions in the Lone Star Conference. After that, however, the team's goal is much loftier. The Lions want a national championship. With 17 starters returning, coach Eddie Vowell is confident East Texas State can contend for a championship. Last year's LSC title team went 7-0 in league play and made it all the way to the Division II quarterfinals before seeing the national title goal slip away. The term "unfinished business" is heard often around the East Texas program, starting with Vowell.

"Our players want to repeat as conference champions and we feel like we have some unfinished business to take care of. But we've definitely got our work cut out for us," he said. Improving on last year's 36.2 scoring average appears difficult, but with 10 starters back at nine positions, the Lions would seem more than capable. Heading the offensive unit is all-

DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE
- QB Maurice Heard . . SR . . Tuskegee
- RB Jeremy Monroe . . SO . . Michigan Tech
- RB Shawn Graves . . JR . . Wofford
- RB Eric Lynch . . SR . . Grand Valley State
- WR Andrew Hill . . SR . . Indiana (PA)
- WR Chris Holder . . SR . . Tuskegee
- TE Bill Burke . . JR . . Millersville
- C Chris Tiede . . SR . . Grand Valley State
- G Curtis Rose . . SR . . Edinboro
- G Tom Colter . . SR . . Wofford
- T Dwayne Phorne . . SR . . East Texas State
- T Frank Graves . . SR . . Angelo State
- PK Scott Bresaw . . SR . . Northeast Missouri
- KR Ron West . . SR . . Pittsburg State

DEFENSE
- DL Gabe Mokwuah . . SR . . American International
- DL Mike Shepard . . SR . . UC Davis
- DL O.J. Patrick . . SR . . North Alabama
- DL Frederick Bowman . . SR . . Winston-Salem State
- LB Tim Naylor . . JR . . Millersville
- LB Todd Wash . . SR . . North Dakota State
- LB Rodney Scott . . SR . . Jacksonville State
- LB Shane Tafoya . . SR . . Pittsburg State
- DB Eric Turner . . JR . . East Texas State
- DB Greg Tucker . . SR . . Northern Colorado
- DB Tony Devine . . JR . . Millersville
- DB Wade Smith . . SR . . Edinboro
- P Mark Bounds . . SR . . West Texas State

John Sanders, Jacksonville State

conference quarterback Bob Bounds, a senior who broke the school's total-offense mark in 1990 with 2,103 yards. When the Lions run the ball, it's usually behind All-America tackle Dwayne Phorne, back for his senior season. On defense, the secondary shouldn't be a problem. All-America cornerback Eric Turner led Division II with 10 interceptions a year ago as a sophomore. All-LSC senior safety Jimmy Hooker picked off eight.

Don't be surprised to see **Indiana** (PA) back in the picture for a national championship again in 1991. The Indians lost only two games in 1990—both to North Dakota State. Sixteen of the Indians' 24 starters return, including two All-Americas. Quarterback Tony Aliucci and split end Andrew "Jai" Hill teamed up as one of the top pass-and-catch combinations in the country last year and return for

their senior campaigns. Aliucci led the nation in passing efficiency, while Hill led the nation in scoring and had 20 TDs on 60 catches.

North Alabama would like nothing better than to play a championship game in Braly Stadium—its home field. The dream could easily become reality. Coach Bobby Wallace has seen his team improve in each of his three seasons (from 2-8 to 8-3) and last year the Lions got a taste of the playoffs. North Alabama returns 16 starters, including nine on defense. Two players to watch are tackle O.J. Patrick and free safety Harvey Summerhill. Offensively, Craig Bryant, a two-year starter at quarterback, signed a contract with the Seattle Mariners. Seven of the top eight runners are also back, in addition to Tyrone Rush, the team's top rusher in 1989.

Grand Valley State has a new head coach, Brian Kelly, but a familiar cast of characters. The Lakers have won two straight conference championships (the last Great Lakes Conference and the first Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference), 21 of their last 22 regular-season games, and been to the playoffs two straight seasons. With 24 players who started games last year back, the transition for Kelly shouldn't be too difficult.

"We'll be very similar to what we've been," said Kelly. "To the average fan, we probably won't look much different."

Running back and conference player of the year Eric Lynch is back along with quarterback Jack Hull. The two have combined for 113 touchdowns, including a school-record 53 by Lynch. Conference lineman of the year Chris Tiede opens the holes for Lynch.

Edinboro seems in good shape to make a third straight trip to the playoffs after last year's 9-3 record, as 16 starters return for fourth-year coach Tom Hollman. The fighting Scots, though, must replace Harlon Hill runner-up Ernest Priester at wide receiver. Helping in that regard, however, are All-Americas Curtis Rose (OT) and running back Lester Frye (1,630 yards).

Independent **Wofford**'s first-ever NCAA playoff appearance was cut short by Mississippi College (70–19), but the Terriers still finished 9-3. One reason head coach Mike Ayers can smile even though he lost 11 starters is that junior Shawn Graves is back at quarterback. Graves is the leading candidate

Shawn Graves, Wofford

for the Harlon Hill Award after compiling 2,807 yards and 41 touchdowns in two seasons. Projected over four years, his numbers would shatter five NCAA records, including most points and touchdowns in a career.

Texas A&I found life after three-time Harlon Hill Award winner Johnny Bailey difficult, manufacturing only a 6-4 record and missing out on the playoffs. That will change in 1991 as the Javelinas, along with East Texas and Angelo State, are favored to finish 1-2-3 in the Lone Star Conference. Although only 19 lettermen return, coach Ron Harms will rely on 22 redshirts and 11 transfers to provide immediate help. The Javelinas love to run, and Harms has stockpiled some good backs who will do most of their running behind 6-3, 309-pound tackle Brian Neilson.

Virginia Union always seems to be around the top 10 and 1991 shouldn't be any different. The Panthers got a CIAA Player of the Year performance from Carl Wright (2,725 yards passing, 21 TD) and have six other all-CIAA players coming back with him.

The rest of the top 25 is as wide open as the top 10. Any number of teams will challenge for playoff berths, including **Cal Poly San Luis Obispo**. The Mustangs won 10 of 12 games in 1990, losing in the second round of the playoffs to eventual champion North Dakota State.

Don Goodman, Cal State-Northridge

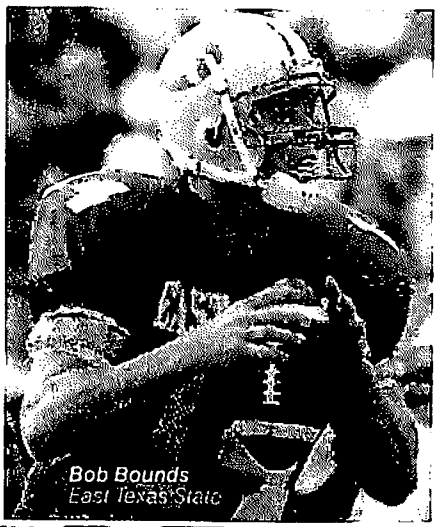
Cal Poly SLO didn't have to score a ton of points to win those 10 games. The Mustangs either led the country or were second in every major team defensive category.

Jacksonville State has been in the playoffs three straight years, but if the Gamecocks want to make it four in a row, coach Bill Burgess will have to find replacements for 12 starters, including quarterback David Gulledge (34-8 as a starter). "It's sure going to be different without David around," said Burgess. "But he also took a lot of quality, experienced players with him." Nicky Edmondson has the inside track at replacing Gulledge. The leading rusher, Terrence Bowens (775 yards), returns. John Sanders made 109 tackles last season and is back for a final season.

A third member of the Lone Star Conference, **Angelo State**, could crack the playoffs. The Rams, 7-3 a year ago, will look to veteran linemen on both sides of the ball to keep things going until their inexperienced running backs become accustomed to the system. Two veteran receivers (Darron Johnson, Kenneth Washington) should help quarterbacks Danny Keeton and Greg Stephens.

Like the LSC, the Western Football Conference should be tightly bunched at the top. **Cal State Northridge** coach Bob Burt has stated three specific goals for 1991: a sixth straight winning season, the first outright WFC title, and a second straight playoff appearance. To accomplish those goals, Burt will have to replace Albert Fann, the school's all-time leading rusher, and four all-WFC performers. Also, Cal State Northridge faces seven road games, including contests at defending co-champ Cal Poly SLO, Portland State, and NCC defending champ Cal-Davis.

When you talk about **Tuskegee**, the focus automatically shifts to the Harlon Hill Award candidate quarterback Maurice Heard. Only a junior, Heard is coming off a season where he accumulated 2,974 yards and 34 touchdowns on 182 completions in 359 attempts. Heard, the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year, is one of 16 starters back for Jim Martin's Golden Tigers. Scoring shouldn't be a problem. With Heard calling signals and fellow Sheridan All-America Christopher Holder doing most of the catching (54, 1,088, 14 TDs), Tuskegee averaged 37 points per game while going 8-3.


Bob Bounds
East Texas State

Bill Fegley
Indiana

Millersville was a perfect 5-0 in the Eastern Division of the Pennsylvania Conference a year ago, but it had to come from behind in four of those games. The nucleus of the team remains (30 lettermen), including safety Anthony Devine, a second-team All-America. The Marauders also have quarterback Chris Fagan (2,065 passing yards) and running back Ron Porter (753 yards rushing, 454 receiving yards, 9 TDs) back.

Portland State, an annual visitor to the Division II playoffs, missed out for the first time in four years in 1990 and will be looking for some sort of redemption. Pokey Allen's teams always seem to feature a great quarterback (the school has produced All-Americas June Jones, Neil Lomax, Chris Crawford, and Darren Del'Andrae) and the Vikings could turn over the offense this season to junior-college standout John Charles. A transfer from Foothill Junior College, Charles passed for a juco-record 6,300 yards in two seasons.

Tony Aliucci
Indiana

Darren Dawson
Pittsburg State

Mississippi College is two years removed from a national championship and is trying for a fourth consecutive playoff berth. If it happens it will be because the Choctaws have found replacements for sixth-round NFL draft pick Fred McAfee (1,583 yards, 18 touchdowns) and Nathaniel Bolton (58 catches, 676 yards, 9 TDs). Kyle Morris has transferred in after a stint with Florida. That should help the Choctaws because incumbent quarterback Dexter Roulhac broke his leg in the spring.

Northeast Missouri State, after being picked for eighth in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association, was a Division II playoff participant in 1990. To duplicate that 9-2 performance, the Bulldogs need to find a quarterback and replacements for eight defensive starters. Chris Livingstone, a transfer from Missouri, could be the answer at quarterback, and he'll have 10 starters from last year surrounding him. The Bulldogs were 13th in passing and tight end Fontaine Walker (55 catches, 9 TD) was one reason why.

UC Davis has won 20 straight Northern California Athletic conference titles and enters 1991 on a five-game winning streak. No wonder head coach Bob Foster is confident. Mike Shepard, an all-NCAC selection at tackle and a 3.9 GPA student in biochemistry, spearheads an experienced defense.

In another league **Northern Colorado** might be a solid choice to finish first. In the North Central Conference, the Bears must face the reality of playing second fiddle to North Dakota State. Two of their four losses were to the national champion Bison, but with 17 starters back, maybe it's their time to displace NDSU. Northern Colorado and North Dakota State hook up October 26 in Greeley, CO.

It hasn't taken Dave Dolch long to turn around **Morningside** football. Last season, the Chiefs finished 7-4, cause for celebration when you consider it was just the third winning season in the last 19. Like Northern Colorado, though, Morningside has to contend with North Dakota State, among others. But the Chiefs have seven starters back on a defense that showed considerable improvement.

Winston-Salem State University has become the dominant force in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, winning three of the last four league championships. Quarterback Mitch Nicholson, who finished second in the nation in passing efficiency, and an experienced backfield could enable the Rams to make it four titles in five years.

If Millersville slips in the Eastern Division of the Pennsylvania Conference, **East Stroudsburg** should be ready to move into the top spot. After two consecutive 6-4 seasons, Denny Douds' Warriors appear ready to improve a notch. If East Stroudsburg is to step up to the next level, it will be done primarily with a high-powered offense that returns eight starters. The Warriors averaged 28.3 points per game, their highest figure in 12 years.

Independent **American International** could be ready to step into the Division II playoffs. After posting consecutive 7-3 records over the past two seasons, Alex Rotsko's Yellow Jackets return 18 starters and appear primed to improve. But the fact remains, everyone is chasing North Dakota State. It's a race that might not be winnable. □

Division III National Preview

by PETE ZAPADKA
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

There will be plenty of new faces on the football field this season for Division III defending champion **Allegheny College** (13-0-1). That news, however, is not necessarily bad for second-year coach Ken O'Keefe. Last fall, Allegheny returned just 11 starters and was, at best, a long shot in the race for the Division III title. Yet the Gators managed to pull off the surprise, culminating their championship run with a come-from-behind 21–14 overtime victory over Lycoming College in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

This season, O'Keefe has just 10 starters back and plenty of holes to fill. He must, for instance, find a replacement for quarterback Jeff Filkovski, the Division III Offensive Player of the Year, who passed for 2,152 yards and 22 touchdowns. Filkovski's probable successor is Ben Cammarano, who saw very limited duty last season but is said to be a more accurate passer than Filkovski. Flanker Julio Lacayo, who had 40 receptions for 708 yards and 10 TDs in 1990, is the top target. Tight end Kurt Reiser, who caught the game-winning TD pass against Lycoming, also returns.

The Gators' biggest offensive threat will be tailback Stanley Drayton. The 5-9, 170-pound junior is billed as "The Bottle Rocket" because his speed and versatility are reminiscent of former Notre Dame back Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. Drayton split time at tailback with Jerry O'Brien last season and rushed for 633 yards and eight touchdowns. He also caught 10 passes for 146 yards and returned six kickoffs for 155 yards.

"Stan hasn't come close to his potential yet," said O'Keefe. "We know any time Stanley touches the ball, he has the ability to score. He has great athletic ability and his speed separates him from other players."

The Gators' defense will be anchored by linebackers Wayne Mack, who had a team-high 140 tackles last year, and Darren Hadlock. Tony Bifulco, a two-time honorable mention All-America cornerback, is the only starter back in the secondary.

"It's much the same as going into last year," O'Keefe said. "There are places where we're going to have to grow up fast and other places where we have experience and depth."

Ohio Wesleyan (9-1) should be the biggest challenge for Allegheny during the North Coast Athletic Conference's regular season. The Battling Bishops led the nation in rushing defense (18.9 yards per game), were third in total defense (153.7 yards per game), and fifth in scoring defense (6.6 points per game). Senior nose guard Keith Rucker, an Associated Press Little All-America who had nine quarterback sacks in 1990, returns to anchor the line. Rucker will be joined by tackles Eric Abbot and Chris LeFevre. Doug Dean and Mark Serfilippi return to the linebacking corps and cornerback Paul Williams and safety Terry Mee solidify the secondary. OWU returns soph Jim Clark at quarterback and Rob Gause (619 yards) at halfback, with Steve Alexander to take over at fullback.

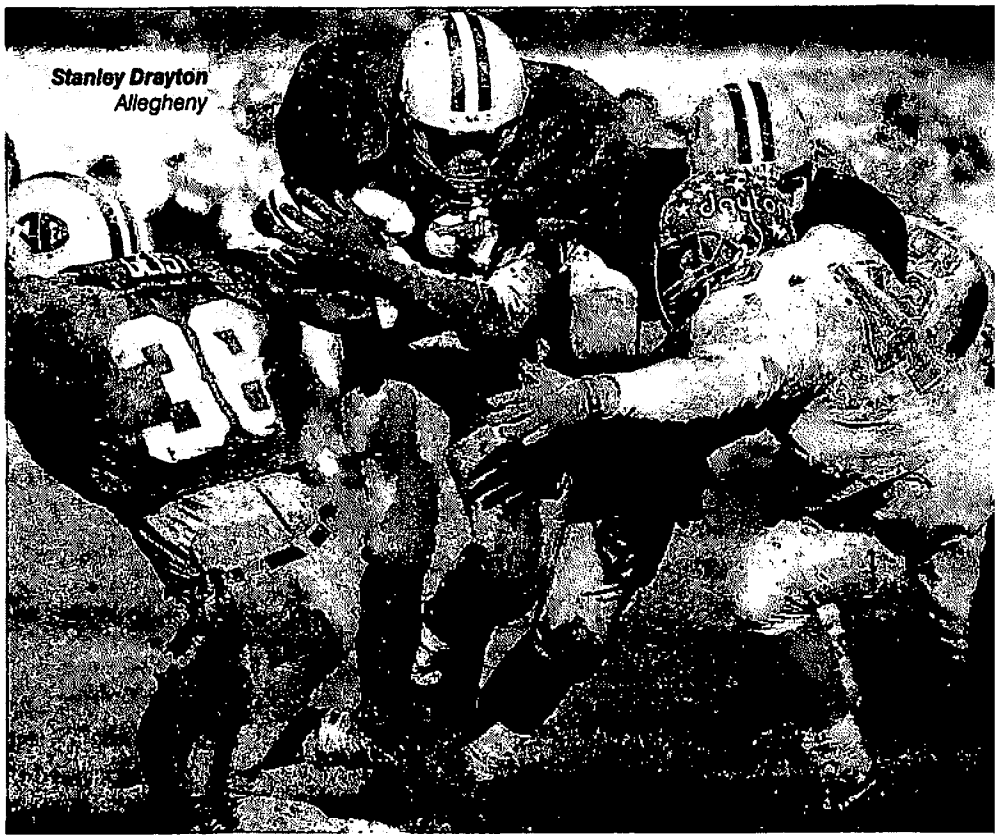
Wittenberg (7-3), another perennial national power, could have a say in the race for the NCAC title. The Tigers return 33 lettermen, including talented quarterback Matt Martin, tight end Mark Berkich, center Jeff Fortkamp, and wide receiver Chris Hill, who also is a dangerous kickoff returner. The defense has eight returning starters, led by end David Radcliffe and back Shawn Owens. Place-kicker Greg Brame and punter Jeff Black also are back. The key concern for coach Doug Neibuhr will be to find a replacement for All-America tailback Jon Warga, the NCAC Offensive Player of the Year and the nation's leading rusher (1,836 yards).

If **Dayton** (11-1) can find a suitable replacement for departed quarterback Dan Shaley, the Flyers should be bound for the playoffs again. Coach Mike Kelly may opt for junior Steve Keller, but three sophomores also will challenge for the position. When the quarterback is settled, Dayton has its offensive catalysts back, including tailback William Peterson, who led the team in rushing (901 yards) and caught 11 passes for 137 yards. The receiving corps features Bill Franks and Paul Saunders. Place-kicker John Bianchi, who booted a school-record 16 field goals a year ago, also returns. Dayton's defense will center on its secondary: cornerbacks Bruce Moxley and Dan Rosenbaum and safeties Brett Cuthbert and Randy Weisenseel.

Despite the loss of 10 starters, **Lycoming** (12-1) has a solid nucleus on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Ed Dougherty returns for his fourth year as a starter. He completed 56 percent of his passes for 2,706 yards and 22 touchdowns and earned Middle Atlantic Conference Player of the Year honors. In his career, Dougherty has thrown for 6,208 yards and 62 TDs. He will take snaps from senior Darrin Kenney, while Tim Kinney, Mike Clark, Jim Hepler, Tom Ott, and Dean Tomanio will see time on the offensive line. All-America linebacker Bill Small, the team's leading tackler, anchors a unit that was fourth in total defense a year ago.

Lycoming's chief concern in the MAC should be **Juniata** (7-2-1). Coach Brad Small's Indians were the only team in the nation to face finalists Allegheny (a 30–30 tie) and Lycoming (a 31–0 loss) in 1990. Small's main concern is to replace three players: running back Dennis DeRenzo, split end Ray Shelley, and flanker Bob Dagen, who combined for 3,125 all-purpose yards and 28 touchdowns. Quarterback Jason Miller again will run the offense. He threw for 1,936 yards and 14 TDs. Fullback Bill Posavek and tight end Matt Fulham also are offensive threats.

Widener (7-2-1) could challenge in the MAC, but it has numerous holes to fill. The key returning player is slotback-quarterback Josh Phelan, who caught 27 passes for 377 yards



Stanley Drayton
Allegheny

and completed 20 of 38 for 225 yards. Phelan also returned 12 punts for 141 yards. Wideout Steve Hayko had 21 receptions for 175 yards. Brian Giachetti, a two-year starter at cornerback, keys the defense. He picked off 11 passes and made 100 tackles.

Coach John Luckhardt has reason to be optimistic about **Washington & Jefferson**. The Presidents, coming off their fifth consecutive Presidents Athletic Conference title, will miss just two starters on offense this fall. Leading the offensive charge will be quarterback Bob Strope, who passed for 1,759 yards and 14 TDs, and fleet tailback Chris Babirad, who rushed for 843 yards and nine scores. Split end Jeff Johnson hauled in 30 passes for 428 yards and three TDs. Defensively, the Presidents will count on George Kidwell, Gilbert Floyd, and John Engelmohr. Kidwell is a menacing linebacker with good speed, Floyd a three-year starter at defensive back who could break the W&J record for career interceptions, and Engelmohr a lineman who was second on the team in tackles last season.

"I think we have a chance to be very good again," Luckhardt said. "We have two key players back at quarterback and tailback and two starting wide receivers. Even though we lose six good defensive players, the five returnees are all-conference players."

Carnegie Mellon (10-1) will find out early if it will be as good as it was last season, since it is host to defending champion Allegheny in the season opener. But coach Rich Lackner has 11 starters back from a team that won the inaugural University Athletic Association championship and posted the school's 16th consecutive winning season. Halfbacks Greg Marmol and Andrew Pizzurro will be joined in the wing-T offense by quarterback Sam Mangano and fullback Griffin Pero. The fleet Mangano, who played primarily as a reserve the past two seasons, rushed for 364 yards and three touchdowns in 1990. He also averaged 9.1 yards per carry. The offensive line is anchored by Charles Jackson and Richard Wilson. Inside linebacker Mike Hession and outside linebacker Matt Pielert return to a stingy defense. The secondary is led by strong safety John Fratto and cornerback Jeff Palaima.

Veteran coach Hank Norton welcomes back 14 starters at **Ferrum** (8-2), which led the nation in rushing (434.7 yards) and scoring offense (47.3 points). While Norton must replace most of his offensive line, he has numerous skill players back, including quarterback Rayna Williams, fullback Kirt Sturdevant, and tailback Linwood Jones. Williams rushed for 614 yards and 12 TDs and threw for four more scores. Sturdevant ran for 668 yards and eight TDs and Jones added 465 yards and seven TDs. Linebackers Cecil Phillips and Richie Marsh and ends Reed Newton and Greg Campbell anchor the defense.

Frostburg State (9-2) returns a strong offense that could lift the Bobcats to a playoff berth. FSU again will look to its running game, led by Rory McTigue, the ECAC Division III South Player of the Year, who rushed for 914 yards and a school-record 19 touchdowns last season. Halfback J.R. Bosley and quarterback Mike Jones also are back. Jones will be looking for tight end Bill Seymour and split end Warren Tweedy. Graduation took a heavier toll on the defense, but linebackers Keith Keirzhowski and Jeremy Simmons return, as does cornerback Ricky Green.

Emory & Henry (6-4) is in search of a quarterback to replace Pat Walker (1,986 yards passing, 20 TDs) but returns fullback Billy Allen (410 yards, 4 TDs) to spark the offense. Talented running back Eric Buchanan returns after a year's absence.

Defense will be the key for perennial power **Augustana** (8-2) this season. Leading the way will be All-America senior cornerback Mike Hesler, who has intercepted 17 passes in his career. At the other corner is Karl Youngquist, who blocked three field goals and two extra points last fall. Free safety Dave Edlund is the team's leading tackler. The line is anchored by tackle Jack Skole and ends Matt Heinze and Recardo Brooks. George Annang holds down the middle-guard spot. James Fambro (625 yards, 8 TDs) led Augustana in rushing last season. He will be joined by fullback Brian Dunlavy (279 yards). Brian Pottinger, who missed the 1990 season with a leg injury, should be back at quarterback. Junior Marc Rosello will be the backup.

"We expect a very good year," said coach Bob Reade, who has a 117-15-1 record in 13 seasons at Augustana. "I think that defensively we will be very solid and on offense it will just be a matter of time before things jell."

Mount Union (10-1) has 42 lettermen back from last year's team that finished with its third perfect regular-season record in the past six years. The Purple Raiders were beaten by Allegheny in the first round of the playoffs. Despite a number of key losses, including the graduation of All-America linebacker Dave Lasecki and place-kicker Ken Edelman and quarterback Brad Petro, Mount Union should be a contender again. Sophomore transfer Jim Ballard is expected to take over for Petro. Ballard will look to team up with wide receiver Ed Bubonics, a big-play threat who caught a team-record 12 TD passes last season. Sophomore Grandville Weems averaged 5.9 yards per carry. Offensive guards Clint Lashley, Scott Lee, and Chuck Froehlich lead a strong line. Defensively, Mount Union returns tackle Mike Hallet, cornerback Brad Barringer, and linebacker Jeff Bartolet.

Seven of 11 starters return on defense for **Ithaca** (8-2), but look for the offense, which has five starters back, to steal the show. Quarterback Todd Wilkowski, who set five school passing records in 1990, leads the attack, complemented by fullback Jeff Wittman. Wilkowski threw for 1,228 yards and 10 touchdowns and Wittman led all Division III rushers with 134.3 yards per game. He also scored 16 touchdowns. Flanker Nick Ismailoff caught 21 passes for 247 yards and two TDs. Linebacker Mark Phalen and Billie Mays are the defensive leaders.

Cortland State (9-2), under second-year coach Dave Murray, is seeking its fourth consecutive playoff berth. A solid defensive unit that registered three shutouts in 1990 returns intact and is led by linebacker Vinny Swanda, who had 70 tackles and 12 sacks. Free safety J.J. Graham is the leader in the secondary. The offense, which averaged a school-record 448.1 yards per game, will be guided by quarterback Dick Puccio. He will be working behind a veteran line. Senior Scott Berent gained 1,181 yards and scored 12 touchdowns in his first varsity year last fall. Speedy wideout Matt Shell, who had 42 catches for 486 yards and five TDs, is also a dangerous kickoff-return specialist.

Coach Jim Miceli has guided **Ramapo** (10-1) to a 24-5 record in his first three years, and with 14 starters back, the Roadrunners should be favored in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. Although the defense lost to graduation brothers Jimmy and Maurice Williams, who combined for more than 200 tackles, the entire front four returns, led by ends Kimble Wright and Warren Morrell. Quarterback James Grant, the conference offensive player of the year, returns. He is the school's career rushing leader (1,614 yards). Tailback Glinton Spann (871 yards) is another threat.

Shad Flynn last fall became the first freshman ever to start at quarterback for coach Ron Schipper at **Central College** (10-2), which is favored to win its eighth Iowa Conference title in nine years. Flynn passed for 1,067

yards and six touchdowns in his debut season. He'll be looking for wingback-punter Rich Schulte (28 receptions, 500 yards, five TDs). Two-time all-conference fullback Rich Kacmarynski, who rushed for 823 yards and 12 TDs on 170 carries, also will spark the offense. Big things are expected on defense from all-conference end Tim Lewis, who had 91 tackles and 12 sacks. Bill Mulder (116 tackles) is a key from his linebacker position. Schipper's biggest worries are on the offensive line and in the secondary. Schipper has led the Flying Dutchmen through 30 consecutive winning seasons. They have earned seven consecutive playoff spots and have won the West Region five times in the past seven years.

Occidental (6-3) is poised to recapture the Southern California Conference title after a year's absence and has the potential to develop into a contender in the West Region. The Tigers have two capable quarterbacks in sophomore Derrick Williams and senior Scott Thompson, who will get the ball to David Grossklaus, perhaps Division III's finest tight end. Running back Brian Madlangbayan (750 yards) also is a threat. Linebackers Robert Lewis and Jason Ramsey, nose guard Kelly Bynum, and safeties Rick Mock and Andrew Wind are the defensive leaders.

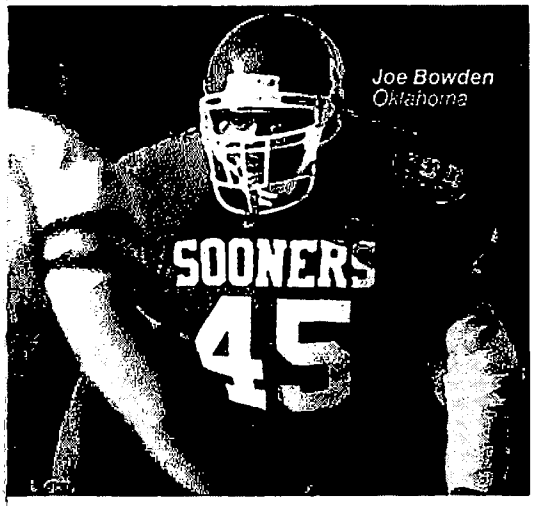
Travis Palton, a speedy All-America tailback who rushed for 1,072 yards two seasons ago but was forced to sit out most of last year with a ligament injury in his knee, will be back in the lineup for **Wisconsin-Whitewater** (10-1). Palton will join 15 returning starters, including Dennis Bogacz, who passed for 1,996 yards and 17 TDs. □

Hagan's injury is similar to the one that eroded Oklahoma quarterback Jamelle Holieway's skills in 1988. If Hagan has the same experience or elects to redshirt, Colorado figures to finish third. If Hagan returns to form, the Buffs will contend for a third straight title. Their defense is strong and features the Big Eight's best lineman, nose guard Joel Steed.

If Joseph regains his form, Nebraska might prevail, despite its defense. The Cornhuskers have the Big Eight's most talented offense and most gifted offensive player in tight end Johnny Mitchell.

Because it has a healthy and talented quarterback in Cale Gundy and the Big Eight's best linebackers in Joe Bowden and Chris Wilson, Oklahoma is given a slight edge. But the Sooners, off probation and eligible for their first bowl in three years, do not have the blue-ribbon running backs and linemen who gave them the stamp of superiority in their championship years, the last of which was 1987.

The gap between these top three teams and the remainder of the conference looks as spacious as last year, when Oklahoma and Nebraska tied for second with 5-2 records and no other team won more than two games. The bottom five teams figure to be closely bunched again. Kansas might have an edge in a race that will be as much to avoid eighth place as it will be to finish fourth. The Jayhawks have an experienced lineup. Iowa State depends on new runners and receivers.

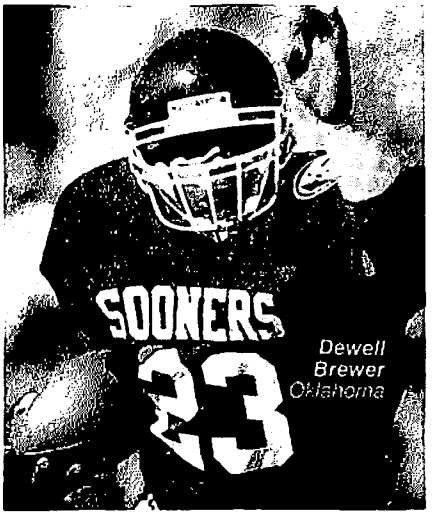


Joe Bowden
Oklahoma

Oklahoma State's only hope for offensive speed rests with a freshman tailback and juco receivers who won't enroll until August. Missouri has suspect runners and defenders.

Gary Gibbs thinks this is Oklahoma's best team in his three years as head coach. A soft nonconference schedule will allow Oklahoma's linemen to develop. But the Sooners' make-or-break time comes in mid-October when they play Colorado the week after meeting Texas. Noting the parity, Gibbs said, "The championship will probably come down to who has the fewest injuries. I am not sure anyone is deep enough to overcome injuries to key players."

One reason the Big Eight does not have representative strength is a glaring shortage of all-star running backs. Nebraska's Derek Brown and Oklahoma's Earnest Williams might become stars but the conference that in the last decade featured Barry Sanders, Billy Sims, Mike Rozier, Thurman Thomas, and Roger Craig kicks off 1991 without a back who is a qualified candidate for all-conference honors. This is not an indication of changing priorities. The backs who were supposed to pick up the torch are there but shackled in misfortune. Missouri's Tony VanZant tore up a knee before he ever played a down and disappeared from the depth chart in spring practice, then was charged with assault in a barroom brawl and suspended. Mike Gaddis of Oklahoma evoked Heisman talk two years ago before being felled by a knee injury. He has not played since and is not in Oklahoma's plans this year. The same is true of Rod Fisher, rated higher by Oklahoma coaches than Gaddis when they were recruited in the same class. Leodis Flowers of Nebraska appeared to be on track to reach expectations last year, but he lost his starting job, dropped to fourth team in the spring, and went AWOL for four days.



Dewell Brewer
Oklahoma

The experiences of these four running backs and the injuries to Hagan and Joseph diluted the Big Eight pool of offensive stars. Nebraska's Mitchell and center Jay Leeuwenberg of Colorado are the only offensive players with All-America possibilities. The most qualified All-America candidates are defenders Steed of Colorado, Bowden and safety Jason Belser of Oklahoma, and tackle Stacey Satterwhite of Oklahoma State.

big eight conference

OKLAHOMA

(8-3, 5-2) The Sooners will tie their hopes of improvement and of their first Orange Bowl trip in four years to a defense that is essentially unchanged in makeup from last year, when it could not hold fourth-quarter leads. Texas and Iowa State overcame Oklahoma with last-minute scoring drives to win one and two-point decisions, respectively. Colorado rallied in the second half to win by nine points.

Coach Gary Gibbs is counting on a change in schemes, with an emphasis on an improved pass rush and more blitzing, and experience to plug the defensive leaks. He has the Big Eight's best linebacking duo and impressive talent at all of the standup positions. But the interior line, vulnerable against the top rushing teams the last two years, does not have dominating personnel.

Linebackers Joe Bowden and Chris Wilson and end Reggie Barnes are probably the Big Eight's best players at their positions. If Aubrey Beavers becomes eligible, as anticipated, another all-star possibility will be at the end opposite Barnes. The secondary has standouts in strong safety Jason Belser and cornerback Darnell Walker. Free safety Terry Ray and cornerback Charles Franks are solid seniors. Gibbs concedes that tackle Stacey Dillard, a two-year starter who failed to reach expectations, nose guard Corey Mayfield, a converted end who became an emergency starter late last season, and tackle Russell Allen, a promising sophomore, "are not great players but I think they can make us better there than we were last year." Tackle Proctor Land, a two-year backup, is scheduled to share time with Dillard.

Offensively, the Sooners surround quarterback Cale Gundy with an inexperienced line and skill-position players who are short on dazzle. Sophomore Earnest Williams has the speed OU needs at tailback, where Dewell Brewer was the rushing leader last year (872 yards). Mike Gaddis, an All-America hope before suffering a knee injury in 1989, will return after sitting out last year but Gibbs doubts that he will be a factor. Alternating fullbacks Kenyon Rasheed and Mike McKinley combined for 1,195 yards last year as plodders.

Kenyon Rasheed
Oklahoma

Gundy, a gifted passer, will have better receivers than a year ago. But as a group, wingback Ted Long, wideouts Greg Ervin, Corey Warren, and Tink Collins, and tight ends Joey Mickey and Rickey Brady lack consistency. Center Randy Wallace and tackle Brandon Houston are the only seasoned linemen. The starting guards might be senior walk-on Chris Jensen, and junior-college transfer Paul Moriarty. The other tackle is apt to be Brian Brauninger, who is injury-prone.

Brad Reddell was the Big Eight's No. 2 punter (41.5) last year and will have to add the place-kicking duties if incoming freshman Scott Blanton is not adequate.

NEBRASKA

(9-3, 5-2) After their heralded defense collapsed and allowed 117 points to Colorado, Oklahoma, and Georgia Tech, the Corn-